



# EPOA NEWS

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Eastern Property Owners' Association  
Garden City, New York 11530

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—104 Years Representing Residents of the East—  
1918-2022

EPOA Public Meeting  
Tuesday, November 15  
Senior Center  
Golf Club Lane  
7:30 pm

Updates from EPOA  
President Jon Debrich,  
Library Trustee Mary  
Maguire, School Trustee  
Joe Sileo and East Rep-  
resentatives to boards &  
commissions.

All Residents Welcome

Save the date

Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023

EPOA Primary  
for Village Trustee

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## President's Message

by Jon Debrich

As I begin my second year as EPOA President, it is great to see that we are returning back to a pre-COVID normal in so many aspects of life. Local restaurants, play-grounds and stores are all buzzing with activity. It is nice to watch people coming back together as a community in so many ways. Inside our Village, there are many important issues that are being discussed from St. Paul's to traffic studies. I am hopeful residents can come together in the same way to address these issues and others. I encourage everyone to attend Village meetings and come together with your neighbors to discuss these issues in person. This allows residents to gather factual information and provides the opportunity for residents to collaborate and work together for the collective betterment of our Village.

The EPOA serves as a civic association and advocacy group and is a place where residents can participate, whether to voice concerns, meet the Village Trustees or Board of Education members or lend a hand in solving issues that directly affect the East and the entire village. Most importantly, the EPOA is an organization where Garden City neighbors can meet, connect and work for the common good of our community. I am looking forward to working with our vice president, June Michalak, as well as continuing to work with our corresponding secretary, Paul Dircks, our corporate secretary, Ralph Healey, and our treasurer Spiro Dorizas. I also would like to welcome our new director Jon Cruickshanks. I am excited to serve as EPOA president with such a talented group of people who share a passion concerning issues affecting the East and the entire Village.

Through our meetings, email alerts and social media platforms we remain focused on providing factual and timely information to all residents. Here are a few items that the EPOA has been focused on this fall:

- The EPOA hosted the Mayor's St. Paul's Committee at its October 6 meeting. As expanded upon in their writeup on page four, the Committee is looking at different alternatives including Rehabilitation and Reuse, keeping the facade of the building, and demolition. The EPOA thanks the Committee for their continued hard work. We hope the Village Trustees will provide the Committee with the necessary time and resources so they can accurately lay out these different alternatives to residents.
- Provide updates from Environmental Advisory Board directors about the Village's water quality and lead levels. The EPOA encourages all residents with any concerns about water quality to request a free-testing kit from the Village.

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## President's Message (continued)

- Along with the three other Property Owners' Associations, the East adopted changes to its process to nominate residents to serve as trustees for the Village Board of Trustees and the Board of Education. Each POA will host an open primary, similar to the one the EPOA held for the Board of Education in spring 2022. Under the new process, each POA will host an open primary. The primary will be open to all residents; candidates and voters are not required to be members of the EPOA. The winner of the primary will be the nominee to appear on the ballot for general election. All East residents interested in participating in the open primary should send an email of interest to [POAtrusteeprimary@gmail.com](mailto:POAtrusteeprimary@gmail.com) by Wednesday, November 16.
- The Village held a Traffic Calming Master Plan kick-off meeting on September 28 and sponsored a survey to hear directly from residents. A summary of this meeting can be found on page three.
- The EPOA will sponsor its 4th Annual Box for Sox Drive (additional details below), continuing with its tradition as a civic organization.

The EPOA will be working throughout the year to provide timely and important information to residents in all aspects of the Village and help continue its work on behalf of East Residents. You can find more information about the EPOA, our events, and issues concerning the East through our website ([www.gcepoa.org](http://www.gcepoa.org)), e-bulletins, our Facebook page (search: "Garden City Eastern Property Owners' Association"), our Twitter account (@GC\_EPOA) and as well on our newly created Instagram account (@gc\_epoa).

Communication from our residents is also needed for the EPOA to perform its role, so please feel free to email us at [contactus@gcepoa.org](mailto:contactus@gcepoa.org) or through the "Contact Us" link on our website. Joining only costs \$20 per family annually or \$40 for two years and entitles you to receive monthly e-bulletin and emergency notifications, vote in elections for EPOA directors, and participate as an EPOA director, if elected. Please sign up by going on our website at [www.gcepoa.org](http://www.gcepoa.org) and click on "Membership". We are all volunteers, but the EPOA does have ongoing expenses.

Please join us! The next EPOA meeting will be held at the Senior Center on Golf Club Lane on Tuesday, November 15, beginning at 7:30pm. This is a great event to attend to connect with other Eastern neighbors in person.

### **Sock Drive November 15 EPOA Public Meeting**

As part of the EPOA's mission to serve as a civic association for residents of the East and in anticipation of the holidays, the EPOA will be conducting a "sock drive" at its November 15 meeting. Socks are one of the greatest needs for those in need, particularly as we approach the winter season. The EPOA would like to encourage all attendees to please bring at least one pair of socks (new socks only; greatest need is for black or dark-colored adult cotton socks) to the Tuesday, November 15 meeting at the Senior Center on Golf Club Lane. All donations will be delivered to The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) in Hempstead.

### **EPOA 2023 Scholarship**

It is with pleasure that the Eastern Property Owners' Association announces that it will once again award a \$1000 scholarship to a high school senior who resides in the Eastern section of Garden City.

The candidates or their family must be dues paying members of the EPOA. They must be currently attending either public or private high school and planning to attend college full time in the fall of 2023. The focus of this scholarship is community service.

Candidates can obtain applications from the EPOA website or the GCHS Guidance office after January 17, 2023. The deadline for applications will be in April 2023.

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**Traffic Report—Bruno Cerrone**

Garden City is conducting a satellite Traffic Calming study of heavily trafficked sections of the Village to help slow down the flow of traffic and discourage people from using these areas as a cut through to County roads.

Focus areas in the East include (1) Russell to Lefferts between Transverse and OCR; (2) Westbury, Osborne, Huntington, and Wyatt in the Mott section; (3) Brook to Meadow between Clinton and Grove in the Locust and Grove area.

As part of this review, the Village is asking residents to take a short survey to provide feedback. The survey is available at <https://gardencitytrafficalming.com/> and is open until November 2.

When the survey is complete, Creighton Manning will provide the Village with a proposal and sketches of potential solutions in the targeted areas. More broadly they will also provide general recommendations with other findings as they relate to County roads and other potential problem areas that are not part of the satellite study.

At the September 28 kick-off meeting, residents were very vocal about the County roads not being part of the targeted study. Residents felt a real solution cannot be reached if the Village does not consider overall traffic operations. Based on Trustee comments, the reality is that the Village has little influence to make changes to the County roads. That being said, Creighton Manning will provide feedback on County roads that the Village can use to engage the County.

Other problem areas highlighted by citizens include (1) trimming tree branches that cover street lights and make visibility dangerous at night; (2) signage around parking lots near the Wyndham; (3) regarding cameras, the Village is limited by how many the County is allowed to implement but is working to get an allocation; (4) Nassau County is currently conducting a review of Clinton, mainly focused on road reconstruction to level out bumps highlighted in the past; (5) the Village has asked the County for a traffic light at Garden and Clinton to make those areas more pedestrian accessible; (6) the County is looking at the intersection by the pool to potentially add a traffic light; (7) if citizens have an issue with County roads, they should start a petition and get support from a significant number of residents. This will resonate more when the Village goes to the County with an issue.



*The following article is a synopsis of the main points on the possible adaptive reuse of St. Paul's as presented at a recent EPOA meeting. It was put together by members of two subcommittees of the Mayor's Committee on St. Paul's: the Program & Use Analysis subcommittee and the Design & Engineering subcommittee. Two other options are under analysis by the St. Paul's Committee, demolition and facadism, and there will be an independent cost analysis of all three options.*

### **Highlights from the EPOA Meeting on Adaptive ReUse of St. Paul's**

Let's start with the obvious: *We already have a building!*

St Paul's is a building that is structurally sound from our research and inspection and lends itself to a simpler renovation because of its inherent brick, hardwood and plaster makeup.

No one can deny the grandeur of the original St Paul's trim, stonework, tilework and ironwork. We would recommend restoring a small portion of St Paul's to that level of beauty at the entry, grand staircase and chapel, but the cost to do it throughout the complete building would be unnecessary.

Not only would we pay tribute to the architects of a previous age, but we would also take a page from modern age design, using open "white space" that is used in projects like Google and other tech firms to create clean open space for use.

We would propose to run all new utilities on the *surface* of the walls and hang exposed, pleasing duct-work for climate control, eliminating the need to do construction in the walls – another way to avoid un-needed expense to put these rooms to use while satisfying code at the same time. We would refer to this at the "St Google" style.

For example, the hardwood of the building would be treated in different ways depending on the use of the area. In a minority of the areas, we would bring back the full grandeur, this would mean the main entry and chapel. In the "St Google" sections, we would simply clean, polish and repair – this would encompass most of the building.

With regard to the rooms that have not yet been identified for purpose of reuse, we would upgrade to code compliance but not apply new finishes in order to constrain costs. This would allow the building department to proceed with an inspection for occupancy of the structure and the finishes could be applied at any time in the future to those areas identified for use.

Upon our inspection and in conjunction with the Thornton Tomasetti report of 2019, some minor areas inside the building would need new "wood members" and floor joists so that we could close up the walls. The majority of repairs on this job are of an interior nature dealing with finishes. The largest amount of work would deal with plaster walls and ceilings, mostly patching areas that are cracked and skim coating to create a surface for paint. All of this work would commence after the proper abatement and remediation. From our walk through and visual inspection, asbestos abatement was at a minimum because the pipes have no insulation and are easy to remove. Most of the abatement would be the removal of lead paint.

A brief scope of the potential majority of work: mild demolition of existing walls that are not load bearing because the supporting joists run parallel to the direction of these walls, and they do not support the building façades or hallways. Any walls created for new space do not have to be load bearing and are quick and inexpensive to build out of dry wall.

As noted in the 2019 Thornton Tomasetti report, the façade needs repointing, repair/stabilization at some noted areas. Nowhere in the report does it indicate that the façade (which is the main structural element of the building on all 12 sides) is in jeopardy of collapsing. The report and inspections indicate it needs repair only.



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Regarding climate control, with modern packageable and extendable HVAC design, we would refit the building and phase the new climate control system as needed. As for electrical service and consumption, it would benefit the Village to take advantage of rebate programs with regard to renewable and solar energy.

You can derive from the information in the Thornton Tomasetti 2019 report and inspection from the architects and engineers on the committee that to configure St Paul's is not a new construction project, but merely an interior renovation.

The plans are currently on exhibit at Village Hall, at Town Halls and on the website [www.stpaulsreports.org](http://www.stpaulsreports.org) and display the many potential uses serving residents of all ages. Essentially, we envision a *multi - faceted Community Center* with space for the Dept of Recreation, Athletics programs, Seniors, Children's Center, Performing Arts, Events Courtyard and Shared Facilities. These uses are a direct response to resident requests gathered in various current forums as well as from all the historical surveys done in the Village. And importantly, these potential uses are flexible as the needs of the residents change and grow.

For more information, please contact the committee directly and visit our website: [stpaulscomments@gardencityny.net](mailto:stpaulscomments@gardencityny.net) [www.stpaulsreports.org](http://www.stpaulsreports.org)

*The St. Paul's Committee has scheduled additional Town Hall meetings on November 2 and November 10 to discuss other options. Separately, the FDEM (For Demolition) Committee has scheduled a meeting for December 6.*

*The Village will conduct a resident poll on these options at a future date, which at press time had not yet been set.*

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**Around Our Village**

*Estates POA President Michele Harrington reports:*

The Estates POA has been very focused with three topics. The first topic of concern has been the selection process of our Trustees. Several of our directors with strong legal and corporate governance backgrounds spent the summer updating the Estates POA By-Laws in conjunction with the East POA. This will enable the Estates POA to hold primary elections for both Board of Trustee and Board of Education candidates. The final selection of who will represent the Estates section will be made by the residents of the Estates, not solely 12-15 individuals on a nominating committee. We believe that this will enable all residents to feel more comfortable with the process - there are fewer "political" barriers and a much more transparent process that highlights all of the candidates to the residents.

The other area of focus for our POA has been the ongoing analysis of the future of the Main Building on the St. Paul's campus. We had Brian Gemmell, a structural engineer, and Frank McDonough, head of the Programming & Usage subcommittee, speak with residents this month about the process of analyzing what is possible with the Main Building - Adaptive Re-Use, Facadism & Partial Demolition and then Full Demolition - Wrecking Ball or Historical Demolition. One of the obstacles we have struggled with is how to reach the 35yr -50yr age demographic. These young families are so busy and have very little free time. Many of our young families are dual working couples, faced with multiple demands from their active and talented children - academics, music, athletics, etc.

Another area that we would like to explore is the development of more civic opportunities where we can work as neighbors on some local projects that are of a mutual concern. Those projects might be working with our middle school and high school aged children in sprucing up a local playground or open area. Maybe it could be a fund-raising project for a new local charity or a family/older resident that has encountered a difficult hardship.

## Facts of the East—Bill Bellmer

### The Franklin Avenue Trolley

In the early 1900s heyday of trolley construction, Garden City was included. The Mineola, Hempstead & Freeport Traction Company, later called the New York & Long Island Traction Company, started construction in 1901 of a trolley line among the localities in its title.

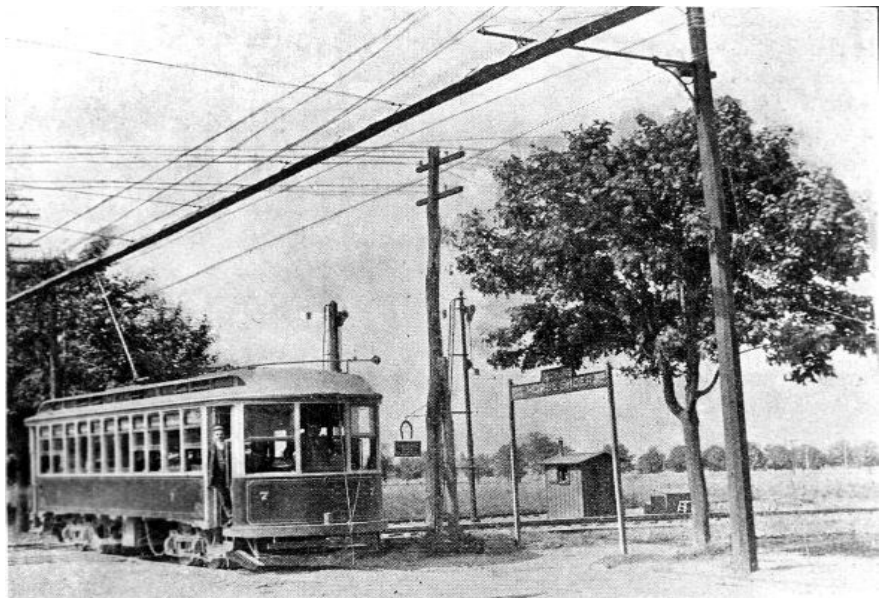
The single-track line started at Old Country Road and ran along the east side of Franklin Avenue in Garden City and then on Main Street to Front Street in Hempstead. It then continued on Greenwich Street and Nassau Road to Freeport. As it was single-track, it had a passing siding in Garden City at about Third Street. That southbound trolley cars ran counter to northbound vehicular traffic was not much of a hindrance on the unpaved road with minimal traffic. The trolley cars were of elegant design, fully enclosed with plush seats and large windows.

Construction was not without incident in Garden City. The line had to cross the LIRR tracks in two places, south of Seventh Street and as it turned into Main Street, the location of the LIRR branch from Country Life Press to West Hempstead and Valley Stream. Although there is no record of a problem at the first location [where the line actually crossed three RR tracks], a standoff ensued at the Main Street location in late 1901, with the railroad insisting that the line pass overhead. It physically blocked the trolley path with a steam locomotive. After weeks of litigation, and after service had been started on Main Street south to Freeport, the NYS Railroad Commission directed the LIRR tracks to be crossed at grade, and on May 29, 1902 service began from Mineola at five cents to Hempstead or ten cents to Freeport.

The years leading to WWI were golden for the trolley, which had new equipment and rails and now also connections to Jamaica via Hempstead and Jericho Turnpikes. With the advent of the war, its use by men from Camp Mills, who were able to transfer from the Clinton Road RR shuttle to the trolley line at Franklin Avenue, almost overwhelmed the line.

The end of the war was also the beginning of the end for the trolley. Inflation caused wage increases which were unsustainable when the fares didn't increase, and the equipment was ageing from overuse, which affected service. In addition, bus service was increasing in direct competition. In 1925 litigation was started toward bankruptcy. In March 1926 it was announced that service would end on Easter Sunday, April 4. By 1927 the tracks had been removed.

Crossing the railroad south of Seventh Street



## School Board Report—Joe Sileo

Since my election to School Board Trustee, I have been overwhelmed by our community’s support and sentiments of hope for the Garden City School District. I look forward to working with the district, my fellow trustees and our community to pave the way for our students to excel. Further, I look forward to continuing to work with the EPOA and community-at-large to continue the tradition of excellence of the Garden City Schools.

Each year the Board spends several regular and work sessions discussing important matters such as school safety, curriculum, and the budget. While acknowledging that there is a lot of work to do, we are confident that a history of fiscal responsibility and community engagement will continue to carry us forward. In this regard, the Board is hopeful that interested community members will join us in person for these meetings and ask questions that are of concern. The Board of Education meeting schedule is available on the district website: <https://www.gardencity.k12.ny.us>

In closing, I wish our community a healthy remainder of the year. As I have expressed before, I am always here to listen and talk about what is best for our schools. I am excited to steward our district forward in the best way feasible for all our students, faculty and community. As always, please feel free to reach out to me.

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### Around Our Village

*WPOA Vice President Maureen Dellacona reports on New Hyde Park Road Traffic Issues:*

In early 2021, two WPOA directors began an in-depth assessment of the need to decrease traffic accidents and reduce speeding along the New Hyde Park Road corridor. Their focus touched on three specific concerns: (a) the speeding problem at the northern end of NHPR brought about by the competition of the new LIRR underpass, driving up accidents near Stratford Avenue, (b) the longtime struggle to bring down the number of accidents at the Stewart Avenue and NHPR intersection, and (c) the continuing dangers at the Dartmouth Street and NHPR intersection brought about by the “S” curve and narrowing of NHPR as it passes through the Western business district.

During the summer of 2021, the WPOA reached out to GC Police Commissioner Ken Jackson about speeding issues on the northern stretch of the road. Commissioner Jackson agreed, and through his efforts, drivers now see indicators showing the Village speed limit and the driver’s speed, both northbound and southbound on NHPR, near to the Stratford Avenue intersection.

The WPOA also addressed the Village Traffic Commission in September 2021, presenting petitions signed by Western residents who approved the WPOA standpoints. The Commission members and Commissioner Jackson agreed to pursue the WPOA’s requests for Walk/Don’t Walk signs at Stewart Avenue and NHPR, and a traffic signal and crosswalk at NHPR and Dartmouth Street. The two WPOA directors, president and vice president met with St. Anne’s Church Pastor Father Tom Harold, and Fr. Tom wrote to the Traffic Commission supporting the WPOA concerns regarding Dartmouth Street.

Nassau County Legislator Laura Schaefer spoke at the WPOA September 2021 general meeting about the multitude of problems on the NHPR corridor. She said that the County Department of Public Works is keenly aware of the situation and consulted with PC Jackson, and she promised that a traffic study would be initiated.

Now one year later, Leg. Schaefer’s office reported to Traffic Commission Chair, Trustee Mary Flanagan, that the County’s study of NHPR at Dartmouth Street indicates a signal is not warranted.

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## Cultural and Recreation News—Judy Courtney

The Recreation Commission met on October 22 and discussed several important items. The Pool season has ended, with membership and revenues increased over previous years. While the season was a success, there were some staffing challenges at the end of the year, similar to what all pools experienced. The Recreation Department has already begun investigating some solution to this problem, hoping to alleviate this next season. More to come but there are several ideas being discussed.

Also at the meeting, a group of local Pickleball players engaged in a discussion about the availability of Pickleball courts in the Village. We will be using Village tennis parks as an option, painting lines and providing nets to enable residents to play at each of our local parks. Edgemere has been completed and the other parks will be done in the Spring. Several other ideas are under consideration to support this growing sport.

Much progress continues to be made regarding various capital improvement programs. This includes:

**Mini Golf** – We are surveying the area for proper grading and then will complete some electrical work at the site. Once a plan is finalized, Village staff will assist in installing new obstacles and landscaping a new course.

**Vinyl liner, Pool One** – A major upgrade at the pool is the installation of a new liner in the “Big Pool” (Pool One). This work has already begun and will be completed prior to the 2023 season.

**Edgemere Tennis & Basketball Courts** – Work is essentially complete on the basketball courts, and the tennis court is done.

**St. Paul’s Playground Safety Surface & Shade Structure** – At the September 22 BOT meeting, an award was finally made for the installation of a shade structure over the main playground equipment at this location. We have also awarded a contract for the installation of a new safety surface for the playground. This work will be completed shortly.

**Tree Planting** – Bids are out for the fall planting of 122 trees. If the trees cannot be planted by the December 15 “last planting date”, these will slide into early spring.

**Tree Removals** – We are about to go out to bid for the removal of 135 dead or diseased trees, including dozens of Ash trees that are infected with the Emerald Ash Borer.

**Senior Center HVAC** – Contract for this work has been approved and we are waiting for a start date.

**Senior Center Flooring** – Also at the August 8 BOT meeting, a contract was awarded to Preferred Construction for the replacement of the floor in the “new” section of the building. Due to the many activities and events which are scheduled at the Center over the next few months, we anticipate the work being done in the first two weeks of January.

Any questions may be directed to the Recreation Office:

Paul Blake, chairman: 516-465-4077 [pblake@gardencity.net](mailto:pblake@gardencity.net)

Sandra Young, assistant superintendent of recreation: 516-465-4076 [syoung@gardencityny.net](mailto:syoung@gardencityny.net)



### Civic Beautification Committee Report—Althea Robinson

The 35-year-old Village Civic Beautification Committee (CBC) met with Paul Blake, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs, along with Joe Amato of the Parks Department in mid-September.

The Committee reviewed another spring season when a variety of tulips in various colorations line the Village business districts and herald the coming of spring in Garden City annually. Giving promise of another such spring are the 47,800 bulbs planted this fall.

The Committee agreed that the burgeoning baskets of pink and white petunias in hanging baskets and containers throughout Franklin Avenue, Seventh Street and New Hyde Park Road outdid themselves as the summer progressed.

This past March, the CBC was pleased to have been invited by the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) to attend "The Great Trees of Garden City" program at which Commissioner Blake presented a comprehensive account about the history and importance of Garden City's 12,000 trees. It was followed this September 21 by a presentation sponsored by the EAB about the challenges of preserving trees in our Village.

When the CBC met with Paul Blake and Joe Amato this past month, there was much discussion concerning the sad dilemma of diseased ash trees throughout the Village (and in fact, throughout the country). At the time of our meeting, 122 trees had been taken down, and if the Parks crews become aware of any other ash trees in imminent danger, the trees will be removed. The blight is caused by the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle, which drills into the trees feed stream killing them, and there is no pesticide that will save them. Paul reported that ash trees are known to exist on Washington Avenue, Nassau Boulevard, Franklin Avenue, Clinton Road, Main Avenue and Meadow Street.

Since 1987, the Civic Beautification Committee has continued to meet seasonally as an advisory committee to the Parks Department in the planning of the floral plantings and shrubs throughout the commercial districts and at specific areas throughout the Village. Appointed by the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees, the CBC is represented by Kathleen Auro (Estates POA), Maureen Lyons (WPOA), Althea Robinson (EPOA) and Patricia Siler (CPOA).

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#### **Around Our Village** (continued from page 7)

Leg. Schaefer's office also commented that the review of Stewart Avenue at NHPR is nearly complete. The County reviewed accident data from the Village, and subsequently requested data from NYSDOT. Also, Third Track representatives provided some traffic volume data, but not all that was needed to complete the analysis. To date, the County is modeling the operation of this intersection with modifications to the signal operation to determine if the intersection capacity would be significantly impacted by requested changes. They also determined that installation of a red-light camera is not currently possible.

The WPOA will continue to monitor the efforts by the County and the Village to address traffic and pedestrian safety along this main artery, which cuts through the Western section from north to south.

## Library News—Mary Maguire

The Garden City Library Children's Room Renovation Project is underway!

The Children's Room was cleared of all material and furniture before it could commence. Early on, the library closed for five days for asbestos abatement. With the ceiling removed, construction crews worked on completing electrical and air conditioning ductwork conforming to the forthcoming layout. A temporary children's area, called the Kid's Corner, is now located in the area adjacent to the Young Adult Section, occupying the Periodical Room and the northern end of the adult seating area. Some children's programs including storytime and toddler crafts are now being conducted there. The expected date for completion of the construction, of the new Children's Area and a new circulation desk, is late January.

The library has recently instituted an email delivered newsletter which is being sent out each Monday afternoon. If you wish to be a recipient of this timely news blast and have not as of yet been receiving it, please contact or stop into the library and submit your email address so that you will be included. Or you can sign up on the library's home page.

The Monday afternoon Movie Matinees, sponsored by the Friends of the Garden City Library, are back by popular demand and have been very well received. Quite a few of the films being shown are newly released movies.

Programs for children, teens and adults are coming back. October children's programs included Storytime, Lego club, Book Buddies and the Halloween Parade. Teens wrote cards for veterans for community service, prepared for writing their college applications or attended the ever-popular Locked in the Library program. Adults studied defensive driving, learned to stream free movies using Libby or Hoola, or joined in a Halloween themed book discussion. November library offerings will include more than 60 programs.

The Museum Passes, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, are available to borrow with your library card. The passes can be reserved in advance and borrowed for three days. Most passes allow **for free admittance** to the museum or garden for two or four people. You can have a wonderful time with your family at the Long Island Children's Museum, Westbury Gardens, The Hall of Science, The Intrepid, MOMA, Bethpage Restoration or the Firefighter's Museum.

The next Library Board meetings will be held on Monday evenings, November 14 and December 12. Residents are most welcome to attend.

*Mary Maguire was appointed a Library Board Trustee in September. Mary volunteered for the Friends of the Garden City Public Library for seven years, most recently serving as president. "I am greatly honored to have the opportunity to serve as a Trustee for the Garden City Library," Mary said when she took her oath of office. "I wish to thank the Eastern POA and the Mayor for entrusting me with this commission."*



**2023 EPOA Dues for Household**

**One Year Membership.....\$20**

**or Commit to a Two Year Membership.....\$40**

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**Designated Members: Any Adult Residents**

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**104 YEARS REPRESENTING RESIDENTS OF THE EAST  
Founded 1918**

**EPOA Public Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 pm  
Senior Center, Golf Club Lane

—Bring your concerns and comments to the meeting—

**Save the Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

**EPOA Primary for Village Trustee**

**Location to be Announced**

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