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**The Official Newsletter of the Eastern Property Owners' Association
Garden City, New York 11530
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Annual Public EPOA Joint Meeting **Guest Speaker: Hempstead Supervisor Kate Murray**

Garden City Library, Monday, June 1, 7:30 PM
Elections, Updates on Issues Scheduled



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Neighbor Helping Neighbor

The EPOA is a neighborhood organization. Incorporated in 1918, it exists to protect and advocate for those residents who live in the eastern section of Garden City, where 40 percent of the Village population resides. Its lifeblood is resident support.

The EPOA's main governmental responsibility is to provide the mechanism for nominating candidates for election to the Board of Trustees and the School Board through the 10-Member Nominating Committee. Members of this committee are elected annually at the June Resident Electors' meeting—June 1 this year. Any eligible voter who lives in the East can vote. The candidate list and their resumes begin on page 8 of this issue.

In addition, and equally important, the EPOA serves as a civic association where residents can participate and voice their concerns about issues that affect the East and the entire Village.

The EPOA keeps all residents informed through its Web site, updated frequently, and this Newsletter, published three times yearly. Residents can contact the EPOA or any of its 19 directors and officers at anytime through our Web site: www.gcepoa.org.

In the past six months alone, the EPOA ran a primary election runoff to choose a candidate for Village Trustee from the East, and a public opinion poll open to all Village residents that drew over 5,000 voters. Workers were volunteers and fellow neighbors.

In addition to the regular October, January and June public meetings, the EPOA opened the May meeting to the public to hear School Superintendent Dr. Robert Feirsen address the budget and other matters. Directors are planning more of these public meetings in the coming year.

EPOA directors and officers also serve on various Village committees that keep them informed on the many serious issues this Village, and in particular the East, is facing. This information is reviewed by the EPOA and shared with residents via the means noted above.

All of this outreach is funded directly from EPOA dues—\$15 yearly—paid by the approximately 800 families residing in the East who are dues paying EPOA members.

Please join with your neighbors in the EPOA to keep Garden City the wonderful family Village that it is today. Be informed. Be involved. Join the EPOA.

The EPOA "goes green." See page 4.

epoa officers and directors 2008 –2009

President Harrison Oellrich
Treasurer Karl Schmidt
Secretary Allison Sparacino

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Jaime Gans
Harold Hecken
Anthony Libertella
Frank Livoti
Thomas Logan
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Walter McKenna
Christine Mullaney
Neil O'Malley
John Schultz
Leo Stimmler
Rex Wood

representatives from the east

Village Trustees

Dennis Donnelly
Nicholas Episcopia

Acting Village Justice

Brian T. Deveney

School Board

Laura Brown

Library Board

"Libby" Huschle

Cultural & Recreation Affairs

Andrew deLannoy
James Pratt III (at large)

Planning Commission

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Board of Zoning Appeals

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Environmental Advisory Board

Leo Stimmler

Newsletter Editor
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The Budget 2009/2010

The budget process for 2009-2010 was one of the most arduous in memory. The Board of Trustees (BOT) was faced with a loss of over \$900,000 in revenues from a combination of sharply reduced interest income from our short term investments and a severe decline in our portion of mortgage recording tax revenue. The former was the result of unprecedented rate cutting by the Federal Reserve, and the latter reflected the downturn in mortgage financing due to the declining housing market. Additionally the Village was obligated for \$800,000 in commercial property tax certiorari actions. Last year, we applied \$1,700,000 of the St. Paul's reserve fund towards lowering the tax burden, so those dollars were not available this year.

As a result of the above revenue declines, numerous hours were spent by the BOT and the Citizens' Budget Review Committee in analyzing the affects on the Village of unprecedented expense cutting combined with revenue increases, which would affect both residential and commercial taxpayers. We concerned ourselves first with the health and safety of our citizens, and then with services that create the quality of life that GC residents expect.

To this end, we reduced the Capital Budget from an initial \$5 million to \$1.9 million. Major items postponed were new police and fire vehicles, all library capital requests, new synthetic turf playing fields, and certain road, curb, sewer and parking lot replacement or repair. The BOT is very cognizant that some of these items cannot be deferred indefinitely and they will be revisited in future budgets.

The Operating Budget was also reduced by \$1.5 million. Reductions included the elimination of four open police positions and two firefighter positions, across the board overtime reductions and reductions in expenses for activities such as outdoor concerts at the Gazebo, reduced Sunday library hours and ice skating at Lake Cornelia. A total of 11 full and part-time positions were eliminated. The BOT believes that police and fire response time will not be affected by these savings.

Only eight senior employees are not represented by a union and we are bound by our contracts and civil service rules. The Village cannot simply make across the board personnel cuts or pay decreases.

Additionally, revenues were budgeted to increase by approximately \$800,000. The major components of this increase were an estimated \$286,000 in charges for commercial rubbish pickup, \$121,000 in overweight truck fines, and across the board increases in all types of permits. Still being discussed are athletic field and additional bulk rubbish pickup charges, a reduction in Village vehicles, and executive contributions to the medical plans.

The end result was a Budget of \$52.8 million, which is a decrease of \$5.1 million from the original budget requests and \$2.5 million less than last year's budget. Village taxes will be increased by 5.9 percent or \$300 per household per annum. Had the original budget been approved, taxes would have increased by more than double this percentage. Over the last four years including 2009 – 2010, Village taxes have had an average annual increase of 3.15 percent.

Trustees' Update



**by Nicholas
Episcopia**

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President's Message by Harry Oellrich

“UNITED WE STAND...”

My predecessors have historically used this space, and rightfully so, to brief and to mobilize the residents of the East on the various major and pressing issues of their day.

Nevertheless, I would venture that most of you (like me) feel bombarded by more than you ever really wanted to know about such diverse and potentially critical issues to the future of GC as St. Paul's, the HUB, Charles Wang's "Lighthouse," the P Zone, light rail, the third track, as well as the freight spur running thru the east to Mitchell Field. Also, the seemingly mundane but even more critical concerns about Village budget shortfalls, tax increases, school budgets, contract negotiations, squabbles amongst our public officials, various organizations, groups of residents, etc., etc., etc.!

In each case, being informed and staying abreast of such issues is vital to our most fundamental core driver as residents: the fact that each of us has made an overt decision to call this wonderful village our home! In many cases, we've undertaken considerable sacrifice to be able to do so, buying a home, raising our children here and then hopefully staying in GC to enjoy our retirement years in such a great environment. As a result, our basic and fundamental underlying interests are nearly identically aligned.

At the end of the day, we all want the same things, boiling down essentially to seeing the Village we love preserved so that what drew us here in the first place remains what it is.

This said, it would seem that residents would be quick to align en masse to defend our superb quality of life from the many things that could change it forever if left unchecked. In many cases residents have banded together in support of a key position and with a considerable positive impact resulting. However, in many others the vocal few have been able to prevail in their views against the interests of the silent or apathetic many!

Additionally, millions upon millions of dollars are pouring in and aligning against GC as outside economic, political and social interests move to enforce their view of what's best for you and for me.

In recent years, discussion and debate over issues within the Village has likewise seemed to intensify and become more strained. Healthy discussion and debate, nearly always good and from which typically far better decisions ensue, has increasingly given way to barely civil discussion followed quickly by divisiveness, acrimony and ultimately culminating in venomous personal attacks against an opponent's character, rather than applying reason and logic to reach a workable compromise...and this taking place among residents, whose fundamental interests should be so well aligned.

Perhaps it's just another manifestation of our edgy 21st century culture, or perhaps it's that residents, without realizing it, have slipped into the tactics that have taken hold of our state and national political leaders, where debate and compromise are too often replaced by partisanship and confrontation.

The EPOA has established its highly regarded Web site to inform and educate, has a unique platform from which to advocate on behalf of residents and has the infrastructure, position and standing within the Village to take the lead on various issues.

I would encourage all residents of the East to become members of the EPOA, to get involved in their local government at the most grassroots level and participate in the discussion and debate of issues and policy in the spirited but civil way that befits neighbors and friends. EPOA's motto since its founding, "Progress through Participation," has never been more appropriate than it is today. Otherwise it's distinctly possible that at some point in the future,

“DIVIDED WE FALL.”

Dennis Donnelly was elected to the BOT effective April 2009 and, accordingly, stepped down as EPOA president. VP Harry Oellrich was nominated by the 7 Member Nominating Committee and approved by the EPOA Board to complete Dennis' term that expires in June. Members of the Association will vote in June for the new slate of officers and directors for the next term.

Library News by Libby Huschle



Dr. Carolyn Voegler, the new director of the Garden City Library, arrived on Friday, May 1. Dr. Voegler, formerly director of the Floral Park Public Library, looks forward to meeting and serving the community.

As a result of the economic downturn, the staff has purchased new materials for help in job searching. If you need assistance in Web searching or resume writing, please ask for help.

May events include a Senior Connections Public Forum, "Education in Retirement," on May 19 at 1:30 pm. Our three neighboring colleges and universities will be participating. There will be an oldies but goodies concert, The Music of Tony Bennett, on May 30 at 2:00 pm.

The library will be closed on Sunday and Monday, May 24 and 25, for Memorial Day weekend.

The Children's and Young Adult Departments are gearing up for very busy Summer Reading Clubs. This year's themes are "Tomorrow's Talents" (K through 5) and "Express Yourself @ Your Library." Be sure to watch for registration dates and the great programs that are planned.

Adults will enjoy a "Come to a Cabaret Concert" on Wednesday evening, June 17, at 8:00 pm. The concert will feature favorite selections of Broadway show tunes, movie melodies and American standards, performed by Charles Castorina and Betty Rose.

Streets and Traffic Update by Walter McKenna

The Dept of Public Works reports that the water main replacement project on Linden St and Russell Rd is almost completed, on schedule. The contractor is now cleaning the site to allow for road repairs. If you continue to have water issues, please contact the water department. The Village will award a bid for repaving Linden St by June 4, with the work scheduled for July/August.

Various storm drains are being replaced throughout GC, currently on Bayberry Avenue.

We have received numerous letters regarding the increase in traffic within the East, specifically in the area of Hemlock School and park. We continue to monitor these situations. The Police Dept is increasing patrols during the morning hours when there is a higher volume of cars cutting through the area. Because new signage does not necessarily stop the problems, I am continuing to work with the traffic commission for an overall solution.

If you live on Locust St, east of Clinton Rd, you may have received a notice of defective sidewalk from the Village. If you have questions, please follow up using the numbers provided in the letter.

Please obey the 30 mph speed limit on ALL roads in Garden City.

Help the EPOA "go green."

Residents who would like to "go green" with the EPOA can start with the October Newsletter. For the first time, anyone who would like to "opt out" of a mailed, paper version of the Newsletter can do so by contacting the EPOA at www.gcepoa.org.

There will be a link on our home page to an online form where any resident can "opt out" of snail mail. The EPOA will no longer mail the Newsletter to your house. You may read it online at our Web site, which benefits both the environment and our bottom line. A blast email will notify residents who choose this option when the Newsletter and other new information is posted.

No resident of the East will be deleted from our traditional paper Newsletter mailing list without requesting to be removed. Do nothing and you will continue to receive the Newsletter in the mail.

Many residents have already supplied their email addresses to the EPOA, so that we may contact them with timely news updates. Please consider giving us your email address. We never share our email distribution list with anyone.

Cultural & Recreation News

by Andrew deLannoy



The 2009 GC pool season is almost upon us. Pool brochures, including the membership application, will be in the mail shortly to all residents. Save on gasoline this summer and join your friends and neighbors at our award winning pool facilities.

Don't miss-out on the GC Recreation Department's 6th Annual Dance Company Showcase at Adelphi University's New Performing Arts Center, Friday June 5, at 7:30 pm. Tickets available at the Recreation Office.

Senior Information Line

The Recreation Department operates a "Senior Information Line" that answers questions about activities offered by the department for GC residents. Seniors may call 465-4190 for this information. In addition, any seniors or family member with questions about available services for seniors in the Village or surrounding areas may call the GC Senior Project of the Family and Children's Association at 292-1300, ext. 2245.

Senior Exercise Programs at St. Paul's Senior Center

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| Mondays | Senior Stretch and Exercise | 9:15 am & 10:30 am |
| Tuesdays | Senior Walking | 2:15 pm |
| Wednesdays | Senior Stretch and Exercise | 9:15 am & 10:30 am |
| Thursdays | Senior Walking | 2:15 pm |
| Fridays | Senior Stretch and Exercise | 9:15 am & 10:30 am |
| | Senior Strength | 11:45 am |

Great Senior Trips Planned

Tour of Grand Central Terminal and Tea and Tour of Gracie Mansion - July 9

Tour of the USS New Jersey, USS Olympia, Independence Seaport Museum, and lunch on the Mosholu (4 masted ship) - August 26

Tour of FDR's Hyde Park home and lunch at the Hyde Park Steakhouse - October 7

Christmas Tour of Mills Mansion and lunch at the American Bounty Restaurant of the Culinary Institute - December 9

and more, check in the Recreation Office in the Cottages at St. Paul's.

Recreation Camps Announced

Registration for Village summer recreational programs is well underway. Consult local village newspapers for programs, schedules and registration fees or visit the Recreation Office in the Cottages at St. Paul's. Camps offered include:

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| Baseball | Made Science Camp | Soccer | Theatre |
| Basketball | Pee Wee Sports Sampler | Team Handball | Volleyball |
| Field Hockey | Preschool Camp | Tennis | Yoga |
| Lacrosse | | | |



As always, our dedicated Recreation Staff is encouraging your open feedback regarding our programs, facility conditions and customer service. We value our residents' opinions.

School District Report

by Laura Brown

April was a bittersweet month for the GC Public Schools due to the tragedy affecting the Parente family. Our deepest sympathies go out to their family members, friends and classmates. We are very grateful to the dedicated administrators, teachers and staff whose efforts aided our children during this difficult time.

We can also look back on the past weeks with pride in many accomplishments.

School and student achievements include:

District blood drives at GCHS and Stewart School collected 219 pints of blood, potentially helping 650 people in need; primary and elementary schools created hundreds of original cards for the "Valentines for Veterans" program; talented young thespians presented 3 productions – *Guys & Dolls* at the high school, *High School Musical* at the middle school and *Beauty and the Beast* at Stratford; the middle school's *Dead Poets' Society Journal* was recognized as "Superior – Nominated for the Highest Award" by the National Council of Teachers of English, ranking it as one of only two middle schools in NYS to receive this distinction; the primary schools, with the support of the PTA, marked 100 days of school with a variety of fun and educational activities; *The Birth of Stewart School*, an extensive research document prepared by QUEST students was published and presented to the Garden City Public Library for their collection; 74 young musicians, grades 5 – 12, were selected to perform in NYSSMA's 2009 All-County Festival; 14 musicians were selected to prestigious outside orchestras; 30 students were selected for the 2009 Art Supervisor's Association Exhibition at Adelphi University with one scholarship winner; one student was named Art League of Long Island Award of Excellence in the Advanced Placement Art Exhibition; two high school students were selected as National Merit Scholarship Finalists; 56 German students placed the district as first at this year's Sprachfest competition; 10 district students were honored as 2009 Nassau County Poet Laureate winners; one student advanced to the national

level in the USAMO (mathematics competition); three middle school students were accepted to the Institute of Gifted and Talented at SUNY Old Westbury; five high school students won awards at Hofstra's annual Spanish Language poetry competition; one high school student was named as a President's Volunteer Service Award winner.



In athletics, one additional Citibank/News 12 Scholar Athletes was named (two in total this school year); state championships were won in Girls Field Hockey, Girls Tennis Doubles, Air Rifle Zone Team, and Girls Winter Track; county championships were won in Girls and Boys (co-county) Team and Individual (saber & foil) Fencing; Boys Wrestling (215 lb.); seven young athletes were named All-American; two girls were invited to compete in the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden; and the Girls Track Team posted the fastest American team time in the 4x800 at the 2009 U. of Pa. Penn Relays.

Faculty and staff:

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Feirsen was awarded the 2009 Community Service Achievement Award by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce; middle school principal Dr. Peter Osroff was honored by the Council of Administrators and Supervisors with the Award of Excellence; Hemlock teacher Ms. Arleen Brown was named Nassau County Elementary Mathematics Teacher of the Year; science teacher Mr. Ralph D'Ambrosio was selected to receive the Phi Delta Kappa Friends of Education Award; Athletic Director Ms. Nancy Kalafus was awarded the NYSAAA Zone Award for outstanding service and dedication; Technology Specialist Ms. Jeanne Hilton was selected to receive the 2009 SCOPE Education Services Support Staff Award; and educational grant monies totaling several thousand dollars were awarded to two principals and six teachers.

Please don't forget to vote - the school district budget vote takes place on May 19, 7 am-10 pm in the high school cafeteria.

**TO ALL RESIDENT ELECTORS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE EASTERN SECTION
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY
JOINT MEETING—MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009—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 2009 – 2010 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 Secretary. The current Nominating committee has placed the following candidates in nomination:

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| EPOA OFFICERS | <u>For a term of one year:</u> | |
| President | Walter McKenna | 142 Washington Ave |
| Vice President | Judy Courtney | 3 Tremont St |
| Treasurer | Karl Schmidt | 38 Russell Rd |
| Corresponding Secretary | Christine Mullaney | 104 Huntington Rd |
| Corporate Secretary | Jaime Gans | 9 Damson St |

EPOA DIRECTORS

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| <u>For a term of three years:</u> | | <u>For a term of two years:</u> | |
| Harold Hecken | 42 Huntington Rd | Rex Wood | 92 Kingsbury Rd |
| Thomas Logan | 99 Poplar St | <u>For a term of one year:</u> | |
| Cheryl McAuliffe | 22 Lefferts Rd | Donald Byrne | 19 Kingsbury Rd |
| Allison Sparacino | 32 Claydon Rd | John Latucca | 61 Transverse Rd |
| | | Robert Orosz | 28 Grove St |
| | | Harrison Oelrich | 93 Lefferts Rd |

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 22 candidates in nomination for election to the 10 Member Garden City East Nominating Committee:

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| William Bellmer | 156 Poplar St | Joe Moody | 166 Meadow St |
| May Conti | 45 Kenwood Rd | Jim Morrell | 58 Wyatt Rd |
| Sue Davis | 90 St James St South | Donna Murphy O'Brien | 28 Chestnut St |
| John Delany | 1 Spruce St | Daniel Odell | 64 Poplar St |
| Jaime Gans | 9 Damson St | Neil O'Malley | 55 Commander Ave |
| Harold (Hal) Hecken | 42 Huntington Rd | Harrison (Harry) Oelrich | 93 Lefferts Rd |
| Anthony F Libertella | 1 Warton Place | Barbara Ruggiero | 176 Pine St |
| Thomas Logan | 99 Poplar St | John Schultz | 41 Wyatt Rd |
| Frederick J Magovern | 34 Chestnut St | Robert Stark, Jr | 103 Kingsbury Rd |
| Mike Maloney | 30 Lindbergh St | Leo Stimmler | 67 Huntington Rd |
| Tara Manning | 31 Kenwood Rd | Mary Weille | 73 Garden St |

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 10 Member 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 Secretary of the EPOA at 32 Claydon Road, not later than 20 days prior to the June 1st 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 2008-2009 Seven Member Nominating Committee of the Eastern Property Owners' Association has nominated the following persons as candidates for election to the positions of Officers and Directors of the Association:

Nominees for EPOA Officers 2009-2010

President: Walter McKenna

Walter McKenna, a graduate of New York Institute of Technology School of Management and Accounting, 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 (MoMA), as well as manager of financial accounting at Montefiore Medical Center. Walter and his wife Lynette have two school age children. Walter has been a director of the EPOA for three years and serves as liaison to the Streets and Traffic Commission.

Vice President: Judy Courtney

Judy Courtney is a lifelong resident of Garden City and has been involved in a variety of Village activities, including GCAA, the 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 such organizations as JPMorgan Chase, Fleet Bank and Swiss Reinsurance.

Judy served as an EPOA director in the late 1990s. She is currently finishing a one year term as a director and is the liaison to the Continuing Education Committee. She has one daughter who recently graduated from GCHS.

Treasurer: Karl H. Schmidt

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 and also has done postgraduate work at Columbia University. Karl worked for 30 years for Chase Manhattan Bank in their Commercial Banking Group with multinational clients. An active member of the New York Society of Security Analysts, Karl for the past 13 years has been president of Bristol Advisors, Inc., a financial consulting firm. He has been a director of the EPOA since 2001, served as its liaison with the Village's Architectural Review Board and as a delegate at school board meetings. Karl is completing his fifth year as EPOA treasurer.

Corresponding Secretary:

Christine Mullaney

Christine Mullaney has been a resident of Garden City for 35 years.

She has been a director of the EPOA for three years and is the newsletter editor. Chris 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 Garden City PTA. Chris was senior writer in the Office of Institutional Advancement of St. Joseph's College and an associate editor of the college magazine until retiring in 2007. She and her husband Tom are the parents of two adult children.

Corporate Secretary: Jaime Gans

Jaime Gans has lived in Garden City 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 volunteer with Woman at Risk and serves as both a lector and Eucharistic minister at St. Joseph's. Jaime has been a director of the EPOA for four years.

Nominees for EPOA Directors

For a term of three years:

Harold (Hal) Hecken is a lifelong resident of GC and served as the Village's mayor from 1999 to 2001. He was a Village trustee from the

East for four terms. During that time Hal served as deputy mayor and commissioner of police, recreation, finance, public works, building and planning, as well as chairperson of the Environmental Advisory Board.

He is a previous president of the EPOA and has served as a director for 12 years (non-consecutive). Hal is chairman of the Mayor's Committee to Monitor Outside Development, which follows such projects as the

Nominees for EPOA Directors *continued*

HUB, the LIRR third track and the Winston in Mineola. Hal graduated from Cornell University, has an MA in public administration and retired from Nassau County in 2002.

Thomas Logan has lived in GC since 1970, graduated from GCHS in 1979 and from the University of Richmond in 1983, where he earned a BA in economics. He has enjoyed a 25 year career in the financial markets, predominantly as an equity trader and more recently as a financial consultant with AXA Advisors, specializing in financial and estate planning. Married with four children, all attending GC schools, Tom has been active as a coach in youth baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse. He is completing his third year as an EPOA director.

Cheryl McAuliffe has been a resident of GC since 1995 after relocating from Boston. She has a BS in business administration from Salve Regina College and is a former assistant vice president of sales and branch administration for Fidelity Investments. Cheryl is a licensed sales associate for Coach Realtors and has been named top sales agent of the year. An EPOA director since 2003, Cheryl serves as its liaison to transportation and zoning.

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 as a CPA at Coopers & Lybrand (now Pricewaterhouse Coopers). She continued working in finance after leaving the firm and worked at Citigroup until "retiring" in 2000. Allison volunteered as a catechist in St Joseph's

Religious Education Program and has been a director and secretary of the EPOA since 2003. Allison continues to work as a consultant in the financial services field.

For a term of two years:

Robert Rex Wood has been a director of the EPOA for six years. Along with his wife, he has raised three children in Garden City and has been involved in many community activities, including coaching soccer and baseball, as well as serving as a zone chairman and district captain for the GC Community Fund. Rex had a long career at Avon Products, serving in many different marketing and operations management functions. He also served three years as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers. Rex has been the chairperson of the EPOA Membership Committee for the past four years.

For a term of one year:

Donald Byrne and his wife Tricia moved to GC in 2002 with their one year old son. Since moving here, the Byrnes have had two more boys. Donald is a graduate of Boston College and has worked for investment banks for the majority of his career since college. He has been an active member of the athletic programs for kids in the Village, coaching baseball, basketball, soccer and lacrosse. He is also active in men's sports, playing platform tennis at the recreation center and in the men's over 35 softball league. Donald is a member of St. Joseph's parish and continues to volunteer his time to the Village.

John Latucca 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 NYC and has held several positions in sales, marketing and management. Currently John is a member of the Xerox senior management team in NY with a focus on revenue growth and profitability in the media and advertising marketplace. John is an active volunteer supporting the United Way. He and his wife Cathy are looking forward to the birth of their first child.

Harrison (Harry) Oellrich, a 42 year resident, is the acting president of the EPOA, a six term EPOA director, and has served on the 10 Member Nominating Committee. He is a graduate of GCHS and received a BA and MBA from Hofstra. Harry is employed by Guy Carpenter & Co., LLC. as managing director and is a founder of several public/private collaborative initiatives. He is a member of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, where he has served as the congregation's president and has chaired several committees. He and his wife Roxanne have three children attending Stewart School. Harry is active coaching children's athletics as a part of the Centennials and GCAA programs.

Robert Orosz and his family have been residents of the Village since 1991. His children are graduates of GCHS. Bob has a degree in business management and radiologic health services. He is a licensed Radiologic Technologist and former instructor in C.T. Scanning, Cross-Sectional Anatomy at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. Now retired, Bob has become increasingly active and concerned with quality of life and financial issues within GC.

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Property Owners' Association has selected the following 22 candidates for election to the 10 Member Nominating Committee from the East. These will be voted on by Resident Electors at the EPOA annual meeting on Monday, June 1, 2009, at 7:30 pm in the main meeting room of the GC Library. This committee will propose candidates for Village-wide offices, Village Board of Trustees and School Board Trustees.

10 Member Nominating Committee Nominees

William Bellmer has been a resident since 1943. Bill holds an MA in electrical engineering from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, and is a retired computer engineer. Active in the community, Bill was a director of the EPOA from 1973 to 2005 and served as its chairman of the Streets and Traffic Committee. He has been a member of the Village Advisory Committee on Zoning, Ad-hoc Committee on Village Parking, and member of the EPOA Seven Member Nominating Committee, as well as the Garden City East 10 Member Nominating Committee. He is currently a member of the Village Planning Commission.

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 10 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 serves on the board of the GC League of Mercy Medical Center.

John Delany has been a resident of 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. In the past John served on both the 10 Member Nominating Committee for the East and the EPOA's Seven Member Nominating Committee. A graduate of Villanova University and St. John's Law School, John is employed as an insurance executive. He is married, has three children, including two daughters and five grandchildren living in Garden City.

Jaime Gans
(see Nominees for Officers)

Harold (Hal) Hecken
(see Nominees for Directors)

Anthony F. Libertella, Ph.D., J.D., is currently professor of management and law at the Adelphi University School of Business and special assistant to the president for business development. In addition, he served as Dean of the School of Business for eight years. A highly visible figure in the Long Island community, he is past president of the GC Chamber of Commerce and is an executive board member for the Advancement for Commerce, Industry and Technology. He has recently been honored by the Long Island Chapter of

the Turnaround Management Association and the Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE). Also, he has been editor and co-editor of several academic business journals. Tony and his wife Kay are the parents of two children.

Thomas Logan
(see Nominees for Directors)

Frederick J. Magovern is a lifelong GC resident and graduate of St. Joseph's School, GCHS, Manhattan College and Fordham Law School. He is a partner in the NYC law firm Magovern and Sclafani, where his area of expertise is family law and adoption. Fred is a founding member of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys and has lectured extensively on related issues. He has served as a GCAA soccer coach and on the EPOA Seven Member Nominating Committee. He is on the board of trustees of the Buckley Country Day School.

Michael Maloney is a 32-year Village resident and GCHS graduate. He has been in public relations for 15 years and is currently a media relations manager at IBM. Previously Mike spent six years as a journalist, as editor of Garden City Life, the Farmingdale Observer and the Massapequa Observer, where he learned about the inner workings of village, town and county government and the public school system. For six years he was an EPOA director, serving as newsletter editor, and he has been a member of the 10 Member Nominating Committee. He and

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his wife are the parents of a three year old daughter.

Tara Manning has been a resident since 1992 and her husband Michael is a lifelong resident. They have two children. Tara earned her BA in Communications from Seton Hall University and established a career in publishing until choosing to stay home to raise her children. She now works as a travel agent part time in GC. She has been active in St. Joseph Parish, especially with the school PTA where she served as co-president in 2003-2004. She currently is a board member in the Chaminade HS Parent's Club.

Joseph Moody is a lifelong GC resident 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. Joseph has been an active member of the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department for 15 years, achieving the rank of lieutenant and captain. He also has been a Nassau County Francis X Pendl Fire Museum delegate since 2004. He and his wife Dina, a 30 year resident, have three children.

James Morrell attended Stewart School and GCJHS. He received a BA from Franklin & Marshall College, an MA in special education from Temple University and a law degree from St. John's University School of Law. He has worked as a litigation attorney for over 20 years with firms in New York City and on Long Island. He is a member of the St. Joseph's Church Adult Choir and has volunteered with his children's Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

Donna Murphy O'Brien, a lifelong resident of GC, is president of Community Healthcare Strategies, a nationally focused consulting practice in healthcare strategy and clinical program development. In this work she has led the development of a pilot program to expand state-of-the-art cancer care and research to more locations across the US. She currently serves on the Board of Regents of Seton Hall University and as a director of the Flushing Savings Bank. Donna graduated from the College of the Holy Cross and received a master's in health administration from St. Louis University. She has been elected several times to the 10 Member Nominating Committee from the East.

Daniel Odell is a lifetime resident of GC, graduating from GCHS in 1967. After four years in the Navy, he attended St. John's University, graduating cum laude, and St. John's Law School. Dan's law career spanned three decades, first clerking in the NYS court system and then working for the New York Stock Exchange, where his subject matter expertise included the areas of corporate governance, regulatory auditing and compliance. In 2008 Dan embarked on an acting career, and has appeared in theatrical productions on LI and in Manhattan. Dan served as an EPOA director for three years, including from 2001 to 2003 as secretary. Dan and his wife Pat have three children attending GCHS.

Harrison (Harry) Oelrich
(See Nominees for Directors)

Neil O'Malley has lived in Garden City since 1995 and has been a member of the GC Fire Department since

1999. In April he began a one year term as a Captain. Now starting his third year as an EPOA director, Neil is coordinator of the EPOA high school scholarship. An active parishioner of St. Joseph's, Neil and his wife Sheila are the parents of four children, who attend St. Joseph's and GC schools. He is a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, and works as a grip, primarily on television commercials, and in movies and TV shows. Neil is also a NYS emergency medical technician.

Barbara Ruggiero has been a resident of GC since 1991. She graduated from the CUNY/CCNY School of Architecture and Environmental Studies and is a licensed architect in private practice, specializing in residential architecture with extensive experience renovating homes for handicapped accessibility. Barbara, a member of the senior focus committee, assisted the Village in the renovation of the senior cottage at St. Paul's and is currently a member of the Architectural Design and Review Board. Barbara served as an EPOA director from 2001 to 2009. She and her husband Frank are the parents of two children.

John Schultz and his wife Lisa moved to Garden City three years ago and are the parents of two young daughters who will be attending GC public schools. John is originally from Stewart Manor, while Lisa grew up in the Village. John is completing a one-year term as an EPOA director, where he was instrumental in establishing the EPOA's new Web site. An accounting graduate of Penn State with an MBA from Fordham,

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John is employed by Credit Suisse as vice president of corporate finance. His family belongs to the Old Cove Yacht Club in New Suffolk, where John developed and is the administrator of its Web site.

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 nine years Bob has been providing financial solutions for middle market businesses at JPMorgan Chase., formerly Chase Manhattan Bank. 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 aircraft overflying the Village in route to JFK.

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 Graduate School of Social Work, where he met his wife Kathleen. Their two children graduated

from the GC public school system. 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 N Brooklyn.

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 Garden City schools.

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Trustees' Report

St. Paul's

The BOT has decided that an Environmental Impact Study is necessary before we vote to authorize a binding referendum to float the bonds necessary for the demolition of St. Paul's. This study will consider issues such as the historic and aesthetic affects of demolition, and how, if possible, to preserve certain parts of the structure such as the Clock Tower and Port Cochere. Public health, safety and community character will also be considered. When the Draft EIS is completed, a public hearing will be held and citizens' comments will be considered. When the Final EIS is finished, a public hearing will again be held prior to a BOT vote on a public referendum. If the referendum is approved by the BOT, the public will then vote to issue the required bonds (approximately \$6 million according to the Mayor's Committee's estimates). Please note that this vote is for an *authorization only*. It is not an absolute order to immediately issue bonds and take bids for demolition. Availability of funds and the tax affects will be intensely examined by the BOT before any action to issue bonds is taken. In the interim, the BOT will examine any reasonable proposal for development by a third party. The BOT hopes to have this process leading to a public referendum complete by the end of the year.

The HUB and Light Rail

At the December 4 BOT meeting, we adopted a resolution to retain the law firm of Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP to provide legal services to GC in connection with the HUB development and the associated proposal to put a Light Rail System through the Eastern section connecting the LIRR to the HUB from the Mineola station. This firm has reviewed the DEIS prepared by the Lighthouse Group and submitted to the Town of Hempstead, and has recommended that, if necessary, we retain our own environmental and traffic experts. Happily, Fredrick B. Clark Associates, environmental consultant to the Town of Hempstead, has sent the DEIS document back to the developers. In their opinion, issues such as peak hour traffic, adequate water supply, refuse collection, air quality and the estimate of demand for the proposed 2,300 housing units were not adequately addressed by the Lighthouse Development Group. It should be noted that a Light Rail System was not part of this study. However, we will continue to carefully monitor the Light Rail process as it evolves and react forcefully, if necessary.

By-Law Amendment

The Board of Directors of the EPOA desires to create a new officer position that would authorize the expanded responsibilities of the Office of Secretary. This requires creating two distinct functions of the Office of Secretary, to be hereby distinguished as Corporate Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Such desire has been proposed and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Article VII of the Association's by-laws, the following will hereby serve as documentation for the proposed amendment.

Article V, Section 1, is amended to read as follows:

The number of directors of the Association shall be nineteen (19), five of whom shall be the officers, viz., the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary of the Assoc. Further, in consideration of the newly distinguished positions of Corporate and Corresponding Secretary, unless otherwise noted, all references within the Association's by-laws to Secretary and any reference to Secretary by any Village correspondence shall be deemed to refer to the Corresponding Secretary.

Article V, Section 11, is amended to read as follows:

The Corporate Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the members and of the Board and of all other matters where a record shall be ordered. The Corporate Secretary shall notify the officers, the directors and all members of committees of their election or appointment and shall issue notices of all aforementioned meetings. The Corporate Secretary shall designate the Corresponding Secretary to provide assistance with issuing notices of all meetings. The Corporate Secretary shall make all necessary filings with the Secretary of State of the State of New York to maintain the Association's status as a not-for-profit corporation.

Article V, Section 17, is amended to read as follows:

Should any member of the Board of Directors be absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without sending communication to the President or Corporate Secretary stating the reason for such absence, and if the excuse should not be accepted by members of the Board, such director's seat on the Board may be declared vacant, and the President may forthwith proceed to fill the vacancy.

The above amendment will be submitted to a vote of the voting members of the Association at the annual meeting on June 1, 2009. A majority vote of the voting members present shall be sufficient to adopt said amendment.

“Thank You” from Trustee Dennis Donnelly

This is a final opportunity for me to say “Thank You” to the officers and board members who served with me as your representatives on the Property Owner's Association these last two years. During that time, the EPOA took many issues before the Board of Trustees, voicing the people's of the East's concerns regarding the HUB, the Lighthouse project, over-development of Mineola, the water problems facing our Village and St. Paul's.

It was the EPOA, along with the Estates POA, that ran the very successful poll on the disposition of the St. Paul's property. The issues raised by the EPOA have led to a renewed vigor regarding water supply problems. It was partly due to the efforts of your POA that the water mains, streets and curbs in Franklin Court were redone.

The launching of the EPOA Web site gave us the ability to both communicate with our residents and keep everyone informed on all the issues facing our Village.

The officers and board members of the EPOA serve without pay, volunteering many hours attending meetings and participating in discussions geared to develop the positions the people of the East want solved. I believe the EPOA is the strongest of the POAs and I am sure the new officer team will lead the POA to even greater participation.



Francis J. Koch, a professional engineer and graduate of Manhattan College, has been employed by Garden City since 1991. Mr. Koch is Superintendent of the Water Department and an officer in the Long Island Water Conference. He was interviewed recently by director Leo Stimmler, the EPOA liaison to the Village's Environmental Advisory Board.

How Safe is Garden City's Drinking Water?

Q. *Where do Garden City residents get their drinking water?*

A. Garden City's drinking water comes from ten wells—with an average depth of 450 ft--that have been drilled into the Magothy Aquifer, the largest of the three Long Island aquifers.

Q. *How can I find out if my tap water is safe to drink?*

A. Your tap water is safe and the best source of confirmation is the annual Water Quality Report that is mailed in June to every Village household.

Q. *How often is our drinking water tested and for what substances?*

A. Water samples from each of our ten wells are sent monthly to a lab for testing. If traces of contaminants are found, we test more frequently. We test for pesticides, fuel additives, such as MTBE, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These latter compounds are industrial pollutants emitted by leaking fuel tanks, dry cleaning fluid, degreasers, paint strippers, aerosol sprays and the like.

Q. *Do we test for bacteria and pharmaceuticals?*

A. We test weekly for bacteria; we don't test for pharmaceuticals.

Q. *What happens if contaminants are found in one of the ten wells?*

A. If contaminant concentrations are found above regulatory limits, the well is taken out of service and the system is flushed via the hydrants and not put back into service until it meets national drinking water standards.

Q. *What is a drinking water standard?*

A. Under the authority of the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, the federal government sets standards for approximately 180 contaminants in drinking water. For each of these contaminants, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets a legal limit, called a *maximum contaminant level* (MCL). Garden City water meets these standards.

Q. *Are there any Superfund hazardous waste sites that have the potential to contaminate Garden City's water, soil or air quality?*

A. There are three superfund sites: 150 Fulton Ave in Garden City Park, the Jackson Steel site at 435 First St in Mineola and the old Roosevelt airfield. The Environmental Protection Agency is monitoring the clean-up of these sites. The Village has a VOC removal system at all of the well sites to protect against these contaminants.

(Editor's note: *Superfund* is the Federal government's program to clean up the nation's abandoned, accidentally spilled, or illegally dumped hazardous waste. Congress passed legislation in 1980 that established the Superfund Program in order to locate, investigate and cleanup these sites.)



Curtis-Wright/Pendaflex building
71 Clinton Road

In May 2009, the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) intends to start collecting soil, gas and groundwater samples at 71 Clinton Road to determine if there is any site contamination. The property is currently occupied by several businesses: Nassau BOCES, Federal Express and Engal Burman. (Photos by Leo Stimmler)

Q. *Specifically, how do these Superfund sites impact our environment?*

A. The plume of contaminated water from the Fulton site has reached well no.13 that is located at the Garden City Golf Club. The Jackson Steel site has impacted well nos. 8 and 12 that are between Rock-away and Cherry Valley Aves. The old Roosevelt airfield impacts well no.10 near Stewart School. The raw water from these wells is treated and the potable water meets all federal drinking water standards.

(Editor's note: *Plume* means feather and from it we have the word plumage or birds feathers. A contaminated plume of water spreads out into the aquifer in a sort of feather shape.)

Q. *How does Garden City treat contaminated plumes of groundwater?*

A. The first method involves pumping groundwater out of the aquifer and treating it at the surface using granulated activated carbon (GAC) which absorbs the toxic chemicals. This is the same methodology used in many domestic drinking water systems. The second method we use is air stripping which involves the transfer of volatile contaminants from water to air. In essence, we take advantage of the toxic chemicals volatility, that is their natural tendency to move from the water phase and evaporate into air.

Q. *Are there any other active or abandoned industrial places where hazardous waste may have an impact on the local ecosystem?*

A. There are two sites. The first is the Win-Holt Equipment site at 592 Brook St in Uniondale where shopping carts were produced. About ten years ago VOCs were found in a storm drywell behind the site. The second site is a former gas plant that operated south of Second St and west of Franklin Ave from the early 1900s to the mid 1950s. Coal tar has contaminated the soil and groundwater. The groundwater plume generally flows south and away from Garden City. Our two Village water wells, two hundred yards west, are not impacted by the gas plant. The state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is monitoring both locations.

Q. *In addition to the three Superfund and the two DEC sites mentioned above, are there any other industrial sites in or around Garden City that may be discharging pollutants or heavy metals into the environment?*

A. The DEC is collecting soil, gas and groundwater samples at the Pendaflex Building on Clinton Road. Their investigation will take some time. The DEC has also begun an investigation at the Award Packaging Corp at 625 South St but that site, across from the Stewart Ave Post Office, is not near any of our water wells. The LIRR is in the process of removing trace amounts of mercury from the Edgemere Rd substation. The soil has been cleaned up and the mercury never reached the groundwater.

Q. *At the present time, are any of our wells out-of-service?*

A. As of May, 2009, we have no wells that are out-of-service.

Next issue: Is bottled water safer than Garden City tap water?

SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 1, 7:30 PM

EPOA ANNUAL MEETING

GARDEN CITY LIBRARY, LOWER LEVEL

Guest Speaker: Hempstead Supervisor Kate Murray

**On the agenda: Election of EPOA Officers,
Directors and Nominating Committee Members
Reports from Trustees Nick Episcopia and Dennis Donnelly
Questions and Answers to Follow
Updates on Current Issues**

Please come and participate!

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