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

Annual Public EPOA Joint Meeting

Garden City Library, Monday, June 7, 7:30 PM

Elections, Updates on Issues Scheduled

Special Slide Presentation on the History of Garden City



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**President's Message
by Walter McKenna**

Forward Thinking

Looking at the first half of 2010, the Garden City Village budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011 was clearly of concern to many residents, in addition to the board of directors of your EPOA, who along with me were very active in the budget review process. As residents, we have all been affected in some way by the current economy and the Village was no different. The recession continued to have a tremendous negative impact on Village revenues by creating shortfalls related to mortgage recording taxes as well as interest income. In addition, tax certiorari settlements continued at an unprecedented pace due to the commercial business and real estate climate.

The Citizens Budget Review and Advisory Committee (CBRAC), which included Joseph Courtade and Thomas McArdle as the representatives from the East, met with each Village department manager and performed in depth analysis of each department and Enterprise fund. This provided them with factual information used to make various cost reduction and revenue enhancing recommendations that were well received by the Board of Trustees, who worked diligently with the Village staff to minimize the Village tax rate increase, which was adopted at 2.23% or approximately \$121.00 per household. The BOT achieved numerous reductions in operating expenses, while continuing to deliver the level of service that is currently provided to residents. You can read about these items in the update provided on pages two and three by Trustees Donnelly and Episcopia. I would like to thank Joseph Courtade and Thomas McArdle for the many evening and Saturday morning hours they dedicated to this process, which will continue during the upcoming months. Their service along with that of the entire CBRAC to the community is greatly appreciated and should be applauded.

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and directors
2009 –2010**

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Elections and Finances

The March 2010 elections saw the largest voter turnout in many years. On behalf of the Community Agreement Party candidates, we would like to thank all of our neighbors who came out to vote for us. This election was not just about the candidates but about preserving a system that has served Garden City very well for close to 100 years. Allegations that the POAs are a clique that appoints Trustees are simply not true. The nominating committees are elected by residents who do not have to be POA directors or, in the case of the important committee that proposes candidates for Village-wide offices and Village Trustees and School Board Trustees, even POA members—any resident elector can and is encouraged to vote. Anyone wishing to challenge the nominee can do so with only 15 signatures on a petition and run against the nominee in a primary election. This has happened numerous times over the last 10 years. Any individual can also submit a petition and run Village-wide in the general election. The truth is that our system clearly allows for challenges and there is no need for last minute write-in candidates.

Prior to the election there were numerous allegations that Garden City had an unacceptable debt burden and that we did not have a repayment program. Our recent rating improvement from Moody's proves that this is totally untrue. Our latest \$6.8 million bond issue, as well as all our other debt, has just been rated *Aaa*, *their highest rating*. Including our water district bonds, the Village now has a total of \$20.8 million of debt. This rating was given because of our low level of indebtedness in relation to total property valuation, and the fact that almost 87 percent of our debt fully amortizes in 10 years. Garden City clearly is in strong financial condition and comments to the contrary have no basis in fact.

Lighthouse Project

As has been reported in the press, the Town of Hempstead (TOH) and The Rechler/Wang development group are at loggerheads over the Lighthouse Project. The developers have refused to pay the Town for an additional environmental review and negotiations have ceased. The new County Executive is now examining the possibility of a casino-anchored development to be run by the Shinnecock tribe. This type of development has numerous obstacles to overcome and comes with different, but still significant, problems for the surrounding communities. We all should remember that the zoning is under the control of the TOH, not Nassau County, and that we will continue to oppose any development that will harm our quality of life or our business community.

Trustees' Update



**by Nicholas
Episcopia
and Dennis
Donnelly**

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Trustees' Update continued

Development on 7th Street & Franklin

At long last the project on 7th Street and Franklin will begin. This will consist of retail stores and approximately 12 apartments in a three story building. We should soon see a mural showing a rendering of the completed project and active construction on the site. This corner is in the heart of our retail and office district, and the elimination of this eyesore is truly welcome. There are no plans, however, to start any of the approved development on the old Newsday parcels.

Village Budget

The 2010-11 Village Budget posed a daunting challenge for the BOT. The revenue side of the budget had shortfalls resulting from reduced mortgage recording taxes, as well as diminished income from our investments. To overcome these shortfalls, as well as plan for contractual raises, we were required to make considerable reductions in operating budgets.

We were particularly involved in the difficult negotiations which resulted in significant reductions in every single Village department.

The process took place at public sessions held on numerous evenings, as well as Saturday mornings. Each department head was required to appear before the Trustees and present and justify their budget. The Trustees questioned, reduced, shifted and deferred items in each budget in an effort to keep the tax rate as low as possible.

The highlights of the budget include the hiring of five additional police officers, increasing the force to 55 officers, the previous full standard. The additions were made possible by reducing overtime to such a degree that the new positions were self-funding. We wanted to make sure the Village police force had all the personnel and resources necessary to protect our residents. The new recruits will permit consistent patrolling of our streets, as well as additional traffic enforcement.

The Fire Department will continue at the same level of career firefighters as last year. It is the volunteer firemen and women who provide us with the backbone force necessary to insure our safety. We have over 100 of our neighbors who

devote their personal time to keep us all out of danger as a result of fire.

This year we will repave parking lots including Community Park (pool parking), we will repave roads, and we will reline sewers and manholes. The Public Works Department will repair potholes, add street lighting, replace sidewalks and curbs.

In recreation, we worked to insure that all free recreation programs remained free. We will see that senior citizen's programs and the recreation centers remain viable and vibrant.

There are a few items related to the budget which seem to have caused some confusion. The Trustees are well aware that employee pension and health care costs are escalating and problematic. The Taylor Law, which was enacted in 1967, prohibits police and fire unions from striking. The concession for this NO STRIKE rule is that contract negotiations that reach an impasse are required by law to go to mediation and then binding arbitration. The ability to garner concessions from uniform services is severely hampered by the arbitration process. Recent arbitration awards reflect large raises and no benefit concessions whatsoever. In our negotiations with our unions, the PBA has already declared an impasse, which starts the arbitration process. We need the residents to pressure the State Assembly and Senate to change the Taylor Law to enable a more meaningful negotiating process.

In the end, we are taxpayers just like all of our residents. We believe that there are things that make Garden City the place we all want to call home. We work very hard to keep our taxes as low as possible. With a 2.23 percent tax increase this year, the average home will see a \$121 yearly increase. We have managed to keep all the services and amenities the Village is known for intact.

Thanks for permitting us to serve you. We will continue to seek every concession and explore every avenue to keep our expenses as low as possible. The work of the Citizen's Budget Review Committee was very helpful in partnering with the Trustees during the budget process and we look forward to continuing that partnership throughout the year.

President's Message continued

The EPOA continues to support its Trustees and expects that they insist that Village administration undertake an aggressive position in the negotiation of all collective bargaining agreements, especially in light of the current economic situation and the burden that these agreements have on resident's taxes. It is the EPOA opinion that its residents can no longer shoulder the continuation of benefit expectations placed up them by each of the collective bargaining units and we expect Village Administrator Schoelle and our legal counsel to send this message loud and clear to the representatives of each union.

As this newsletter goes to print, the Garden City School District budget for the 2010-2011 school year has yet to be voted upon by the residents. In a similar effort undertaken with the Village budget, the EPOA, led by the dedication of Directors Allison Sparacino and Robert Orosz, attended numerous school board meetings and budget work sessions to gain an in depth understanding of the recommendations of School Superintendent Dr Robert Feirsen in the proposed budget. As a result of EPOA representation at these meetings, we submitted several questions to Central Administration in an effort to fully understand various mandated and non-mandated expenses, in addition to the proposed cuts in curriculum and co-curricular activities. It is apparent that the current economic situation has also created revenue shortfalls for the school district, primarily as a result of reduced governmental funding

However, at the same time they are faced with these revenue shortfalls, they too have budgeted salary increases and they have offset these increases by reductions to non-mandated curriculum and co-curricular activities as a means to mitigate additional tax increases above the proposed 3.21% budget increase. Like the Village, the School District is also in negotiations with its collective bargaining units, therefore we understand that they cannot be as open about budgeted increases for salaries and benefits as we would like.

While the EPOA supports the efforts and achievements of the school district, it does not appreciate reductions in curriculum and co-curricular activities, while at the same time providing for sal-

ary increases. The EPOA expects that the School Board will follow the lead of many other local school districts that have gained tremendous concessions in negotiations with their labor unions to bring salaries and benefits in control. In saying this we do not want to send a message that personnel do not deserve salary increases; however, the increases in salaries, steps and retirement benefits cannot continue at the rates they have in the past. Residents can no longer afford to support them at expiring levels. EPOA expectations and those of our residents are to insist that the School Board have the courage to take the lead and insist on concessions that will allow for fair and equitable contract resolutions. Without them the school district will be forced to annually cut the very programs that have distinguished Garden City above others in order to support rising salaries and benefits. We feel this is not the course of action that will benefit the residents and in particular, the students!

In other developments, the EPOA board continues to be interested in the opinions of its residents and always welcomes email questions or suggestions via our Web site at www.gcepoa.org. The need for us to gather these opinions has become even more evident over the past year as it relates to the services provided by the Village as well as the School district. We often read about "what residents have always demanded, needed or like" when it comes to continuing various programs supported by our tax dollars. Sometimes these statements are made based on dated opinions which we do not feel are representative of our current resident base in the East, or the entire Village for that matter.

In response to this need and in an effort to garner opinions on various topics which we believe will provide our Village and School Board Trustees with decision making data, I have been working to develop a controlled, web-based system whereby we can email survey questions to residents to solicit a response. We feel this will provide current, accurate opinions on many issues that are discussed each year, primarily during the budget process. As we want to ensure that our system will provide accurate household response data, we will be testing this process internally over the upcoming months and hope to have the system up and running in the

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Cultural & Recreation News

by Andrew deLannoy



Don't be the last in your neighborhood to have checked out the new Garden City Recreation Web site, www.gardencityrecreation.org. It is full of announcements of park events, programs offered, and trips and resources for seniors. If it is happening in our Village, then it is on our Web site.

The 2010 Garden City Pool season is almost upon us. Pool brochures, including the membership application, have been mailed to all residents. If you did not receive your application, you can download it at the recreation Web site or call the Recreation Office at 465-4075. Save on gasoline this summer and join your friends and neighbors at our award winning pool facilities.

Great Senior Trips Planned

- Visit Gurney's Inn and Montauk - June 22nd - Enjoy lunch at Gurney's Inn and then take a guided tour of the Montauk area, including the Lighthouse and Gosmans' Dock as we enjoy a beautiful day out east.
- Mohonk Mountain House - September 21st - Come spend the day at this National Historic Landmark.
- Tour Essex Connecticut by Train and Boat - October 14th - We will first have lunch at the historic Griswolds' Inn and have time to browse the quaint town before boarding an authentic steam train that will take us through Connecticut's countryside. We will then board an enclosed boat and enjoy a cruise along the Connecticut River.
- and more, check in the Recreation Office in the Cottages at St. Paul's facility.



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 facility. Camps offered include:

Baseball** Basketball** Field Hockey**Lacrosse

Computer Workshops**Mad Science Camp**PeeWee Sports Sampler** PeeWee Tennis

MultiSport Camp**Preschool Camp**Soccer**Sport Squirts

Tennis**Theatre Camp**Volleyball**Yoga

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

Streets & Traffic

by Mathilde Bellmer



Fair Court Parking Field

After an extended discussion with the owners and tenants of the adjacent businesses, the Traffic Commission modified the parking restrictions to add 22 two-hour and 17 three-hour spaces in the southeast corner of the field for clients of the businesses. The \$150 fee for a permit for all-day parkers remains in effect and enforcement began on April 26th. An exception is continuing to be made for the cars belonging to those who work at the District Attorney's office, although they must now display police identification to avoid receiving a ticket.

Chestnut Street Bridge

The clearance signs on the Chestnut Street bridge were recently changed from 7ft-2in to 6ft-1in. to conform to the requirement that the sign read 12 inches less than the actual clearance. The Traffic Commission also approved adding a "No Trucks" sign on Chestnut westbound at Washington. A similar sign was requested for St. James St. S westbound at Washington. Despite the signage, it appears that some truck drivers have no idea how high their truck is, as accidents continue to occur.

Lafayette Road

Lafayette Road is located on the south side of Meadow between Washington and Clinton. The Traffic Commission approved installation of a Stop sign on Lafayette at Meadow to emphasize the necessity to stop before turning into Meadow. Additional street lighting is also expected to be installed on Meadow between Washington and Clinton to help security in the area.

Library News

by Libby Huschle



Story times in the Children's Room are over until the summer. At present the children's librarians are conducting class visits and preparing for summer fun. This summer's theme is "Make a Splash at the Library." Registration for the "Little Swimmers- Read to Me Club," ages 2 ½ to 5, and "Deep Sea Divers," grades K thru 5, will be held on June 21st.

There is new shelving for the Little Hands section of picture books, which will make choosing books easier. Remember that the Children's Room is now on Facebook, so you can keep in touch with all their activities online. This is a real help for working mothers.

Playalong book recordings have been relocated to the first floor. Be sure to browse the titles and check one out to enjoy on your walks or train rides. Lots of new and current movie and television DVDs have been purchased, so be sure to check on the new arrivals.

The Library Board and Staff wish you a happy, fun-filled summer. Please drop in and take out the items you need to enjoy those lazy summer days.

Treasury Report

by Karl Schmidt



Your EPOA got off to a strong start in 2010. As of the end of April, total net assets were \$24,600 and total membership stood at about 900. The financials of your EPOA are in very sound condition.

We decided this year to start our Spring Membership Drive in March rather than in May, our practice of previous years. This campaign has added 200 members so far. The expenses related to the Spring membership drive were about \$2,200, while we have received over \$4,000 in dues as of the end of April. If you have not done so, please send in a \$20 dues check for your 2010 Membership to P.O. Box 7525, Garden City, NY 11530. You can also pay your dues via PayPal online at www.gcepoa.org.

A word on where your monies are kept: We maintain a fully FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) insured checking account with a bank in Garden City and an investment account with the United States Treasury, where we invest in 90 days United States Treasury Bills.

Our largest expense continues to be the costs of printing and mailing our three Newsletters, in January, June and October, that are sent to all residents of the East. The January newsletter also includes the annual renewal forms for membership. We also mail election notification postcards and other information as needed.

As in previous years, the board voted again this year to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a college-bound Garden City high school student, who resides in the East. Congratulations to Amanda Caroleo.

This is my last report to you as Treasurer. We at the EPOA have a nine year Director / Officer term limit and after proudly serving since 2001, I am stepping down from the Board at our June 7th annual meeting. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve our community and the confidence you have placed in me to be your Treasurer for the last six years.

By-Law Amendments

The Board of Directors of the EPOA hereby proposes the following amendments to the Association's By-Laws and Procedures for the Nomination of Village and School District Officers. Such amendments are proposed for the purpose of conforming certain provisions to that of the Unified Procedure for the Designation of Nominees for Village and School District Offices, which was ratified by the four POAs in 1995, as well as to update and streamline certain other provisions.

Article	Title	Section	Change
I	Name	2	Corrects the P. O. Box address for the Association.
II	Definitions	1	Includes the date of incorporation in the definition of the Association.
		7-10	New provisions adding definitions to make the by-laws gender neutral, define school district as Garden City Union Free District, define Trustee as Village or School Board and define Village as the Inc. Village of Garden City, NY.
IV	Meetings	1	Corrects the meeting date for the Annual Meeting of members to be the first Monday in June, rather than the first Tuesday in June.
		2	Conforms the date of the January meeting of members to the Unified Procedure timetable (third Tuesday of the month).
		8	Amends the number of members constituting a quorum to conduct business to be 25.
		10	Amends the number of judges of election to be appointed at member meetings to be 3.

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- V Officers and Directors
 - 2 Amends the terms for Board directors from three year terms to a succession of terms starting with an initial term of one year, and if renominated, to serve for succeeding terms of two years, three years and three years. The requirement that a director not serve more than 9 years in any 12 year period is unchanged.
 - 5 New requirement that the Treasurer serve at least one year as a director before election to such office.
 - 7 Clarifies eligibility to serve in the future in the event a director does not serve four consecutive terms. Eligibility remains limited to 9 out of a 12 year period.
 - 11 Assigns responsibility for making all necessary filings of the Association to the Treasurer rather than the Corporate Secretary.
 - 12 New provision requires all monies of the Association be kept in an FDIC insured account and/or invested in short term U. S. Treasury Securities. Also adds that the amount of deposits with the U.S. Postal Service shall not exceed more than two typical bulk mailing postage expenses.
 - 12 Revises Audit Committee members to be the Vice President and one other Director approved by the Board, rather than appointees of the President.
 - 14 Corrects the monthly meeting date for the Board to be the second Tuesday of the month rather than the third Tuesday.
 - 17 Requires any member of the Board to miss no more than three meetings during a one year term, rather than three consecutive meetings, before his/her seat is declared vacant. The President retains authority to grant excused absences.
- VI EPOA Nominating Committee
 - 1 Establishes the timing of when the Board approves three additional appointees to this Committee to be as soon as feasible after the June election but no later than the December Board meeting. Also establishes the number of consecutive years a member can serve on this Committee to be 6 years.
- VII Amendments
 - 1,5,6 Amendments can be proposed and, following required reviews, be approved at any meeting of the Association.
 - 2 Replaces “mailing” with “distribute” copies of proposed changes to members of the Constitution and By-Law Committee, thereby allowing for use of emails or other forms of communication.
 - 3 Changes the timing for the Constitution and By-Law Committee to render its report to the Board from 45 days to 30 days after being convened.

Procedure for the Nomination of Village and School District Officers

- II Garden City East Nominating Committee (Committee selects candidates for Village and School Board Trustees)
 - 10 Modifies the timing of when the President calls a meeting of this Committee from 90 days after its June election to as soon as feasible, but no later than the November Board meeting.
 - 11 Confirms the date when this Committee selects Nominees to be consistent with the Unified Procedure timetable.
- III Procedure for the Designation of Nominees for Village Mayor and Trustee
 - 1,2 Confirms all date references in these sections to be consistent with the Unified
 - 4,6,7 Procedure timetable which provides that all four Property Owners Associations hold their Resident Electors’ Meeting on the third Tuesday in January of each year.
- IV Procedure for the Designation of Nominees for School District Offices
 - 1,2,4 Confirms all date references in these sections to be consistent with the Unified Procedure timetable which provides that all four Property Owner Associations hold their Resident Electors’ Meeting on the third Tuesday in January of each year.

**TO ALL RESIDENT ELECTORS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE EASTERN SECTION
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY
JOINT MEETING—MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010—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 2010 – 2011 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		<i>For a term of one year:</i>
President	Walter McKenna	142 Washington Ave
Vice President	Judy Courtney	3 Tremont St
Treasurer	John Lattuca	61 Transverse Rd
Corporate Secretary	Jaime Gans	9 Damson St
Corresponding Secretary	Christine Mullaney	104 Huntington Rd

EPOA DIRECTORS		<i>For a term of three years:</i>	<i>For a term of one year:</i>
Anthony Libertella	1 Warton Pl	Joseph Moody	166 Meadow St
Neil O'Malley	55 Commander Ave	S. Benjamin Murolo	81 Huntington Rd
<i>For a term of two years:</i>		Robert W. Rymers	22 Elm St
Robert Orosz	28 Grove St	Edward Welch	68 Willow St

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

May Conti	45 Kenwood Rd	James Morrell	58 Wyatt Rd
Maureen Cornacchia	105 Wetherill Rd	Harrison Oellrich	93 Lefferts Rd
T. Roger Eltringham	98 Meadow St	Neil O'Malley	55 Commander Ave
Margaret Kane Finnegan	32 Boylston Rd	Edward I. Pandolfo	68 Wyatt Rd
Jaime Gans	9 Damson St	Ted Rechner	256 Clinton Rd
William Graham	104 Brook St	John Schlapp	95 Garden St
Brian McEvoy	27 Laurel St	Martin M. Shea	106 Chestnut St
Roger McFeely	46 Chestnut St	Robert H. Stark, Jr.	103 Kingsbury Rd
Joseph Moody	166 Meadow St	Leo Stimmler	67 Huntington Rd
Kenneth Moody	128 Poplar St	Mary Weille	73 Garden St
Patrick Moore	36 Chestnut 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 Corporate Secretary of the EPOA at 9 Damson Street, not later than 20 days prior to the June 7th 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 2009-2010 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. The members of the nominating committee this year were John Schultz, as chairperson, and Peter Bee, William Bellmer, James Carney, Dorothy Episcopia, Janet Kenney and Barbara Ruggiero.

Nominees for EPOA Officers

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 four years and is completing one year as president.

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. She is currently employed by CapitalOne Bank. Judy served as an

EPOA director in the late 1990s and again since 2008. She is currently finishing a one year term as vice president and is the liaison to the Continuing Education Committee. She has one daughter who graduated from GCHS.

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 five years and is finishing a one year term as corporate secretary.

Corresponding Secretary: Christine Mullaney

Christine Mullaney has been a resident of Garden City for 36 years. She has been a director of the EPOA for four years and is completing one year as corresponding secretary. Chris, who serves as the newsletter

editor, is a graduate of Fordham University, a former financial journalist and a longtime member of the New York Financial Writers' Association. She is a past member and officer of the St. Joseph School Board and the Garden City PTA. Chris was senior writer in the Office of Institutional Advancement of St. Joseph's College and associate editor of the college magazine until retiring in 2007. She and her husband Tom are the parents of two adult children.

Treasurer: John Lattuca

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

Nominees for EPOA Directors

For a term of three years:

Anthony F. Libertella, Ph.D., J.D., is professor of management and law at the Adelphi University School of Business and special assistant to the president for business development. He served as Dean of the School of Business for eight years. A highly visible figure in the LI 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. Tony has been editor and co-editor of several academic business journals. He and his wife Kay are the parents of two children.

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 second term as Captain of Chemical Company. Neil is currently completing his third year as a director of the EPOA, is coordinator of the EPOA high school scholarship, and served on the EPOA 10 Member Nominating Committee in 2009. 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 parents of four children.

For a term of two years:

Robert Orosz and his family have been residents of the Village since 1991. His children are graduates of the Garden City 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 a director of the EPOA for the past year and was recently appointed by Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano to the Assessment Review Team to help fix the broken county assessment system.

For a term of one year:

Joseph Moody is a lifelong resident of GC and a graduate of GCHS and Adelphi University. He is self employed operating Patriot Supply, a wholesale business of Heating Ventilating and Air Conditioning supplies in Plainview. Joe has been an active member of the GC Volunteer Fire Department for 15 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 EPOA 10 Member Nominating Committee in 2009. He and his wife Dina, a 30 year resident, have three children.

S. Benjamin Murolo has been a resident of GC since 1990. He is a CPA, a graduate of Queens College and holds an MBA from New York Institute of Technology. Ben is an instructor at Queensborough Community College, runs his own accounting practice and is a registered mortgage broker in NY and FL. He is the former treasurer, executive board member and chairman of the audit

committee of Holy Cross HS in Queens. Ben and his wife have three children, one in college and two attending the GC middle and high schools.

Robert W. Rymers has lived in GC since childhood and is a graduate of the GC school system. He earned a degree in economics from Ohio Wesleyan University, an MBA from Adelphi and served in Vietnam. Rob and his wife, also from GC, raised their two daughters here and he coached girl's softball, soccer and basketball. He has served as a director of marketing and sales for several corporations and until 2009 as director of operations for 14 years of a large non-profit purchasing agency. Rob now runs his own company, RWR Associates, a marketing and sales company serving the Catholic churches and schools in the NYC metropolitan area.

Edward M. Welch has lived in Garden City's eastern section for most of his life and has been a homeowner here since 2005. He is a graduate of Connecticut College and received his JD from Fordham University School of Law. A corporate lawyer for five years, Ned first practiced with Cravath, Swaine & Moore in NY and London and is now with Morrison & Foerster, where he is part of their capital markets group. He has a broad range of experience in domestic and international securities law and corporate governance. Ned and his wife have two young children.

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Property Owners' Association has selected the following 21 candidates for election to the 10 Member Nominating Committee from the East. These will be voted on by Resident Electors at the annual public EPOA joint meeting on Monday, June 7, 2010, 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

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.

Maureen Cornacchia is an almost lifelong resident of Garden City, having moved here when she was 10. Maureen attended St. Joseph's, GCJHS and GCHS. She has a BA from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a MS in Banking and Money Management from Adelphi University. Prior to leaving the workforce in 1991 to raise her children, Maureen worked for Chemical Bank (now JPMorganChase) as a vice president in risk asset management. Maureen was very active in the Garden City PTA, where she served as PTA director at Stewart School and the high school, as VP for budget, and two terms as PTA president. While president, she served on the School District's Long Range Facility Planning Committee and several superintendent search committees. Maureen has also been active in the EPOA as a director and would welcome the opportunity to get involved again. She and husband Larry have two sons, John and Ryan.

T. Roger Eltringham has been a GC resident since 1982 and has worked in the Village since 1970. He is vice president of sales and marketing of Alliance Plus, a general insurance brokerage. Roger is a graduate of SUNY Stony Brook and a member of the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors. He has served as secretary, vice president and president of the EPOA. Roger is also active in other Village matters, having previously served as president and lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Club. He is a past president of the GC Jaycees, the Leukemia Society of America and the Cherry Valley Co-op. He is a past president of the GC Chamber of Commerce and previously served as secretary/treasurer. Since 1979, Roger has been the race director of the annual Merrill Lynch Turkey Trot. He also chaired the 70th anniversary of the Community Agreement celebration and organized the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of GC.

Margaret Kane Finnegan moved to Garden City in 1963 and attended the Garden City Public Schools. After graduating Garden City High School, she attended Villanova University and received her BA with a major in Political Science. She has three sons, two attending Garden City High School and one a sophomore in Georgetown University. In her professional life, Margaret has been in pharmaceutical sales for the past 20 years. In her current position as a district sales manager for Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc. her responsibilities include

interviewing, hiring and training new representatives. As a long time resident of the East, Margaret said she understands the critical issues that face our area and she is looking forward to becoming more involved in our local government.

Jaime Gans
(see Nominees for Officer)

William Graham has lived in Garden City for 17 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 Garden City Fire Department for 15 years and in April he began his second term as Chief of Department. Chief Graham retired from Ladder Company 169, New York City Fire Department, after 20 years of service.

Brian McEvoy has lived in GC with his wife Sharon for six and a half years. He has three children, ages 10, almost 9 and 5 who are very active in baseball, basketball, soccer and football. Brian has volunteered to assist coaching GCAA baseball in the past. He plays paddle tennis and softball and has attended various Welcoming Club activities over the years. Brian is a vice president at BNP Paribas working in collateral management. His wife Sharon is a nurse practitioner in private practice.

Anthony F. Libertella, Ph.D., J.D.
(see Nominees for Director)

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Roger McFeely and his wife Maureen have been residents of Garden City, and members of the EPOA, since 1972. They have three children, all of whom attended GC schools. Roger has served as a GCAA soccer coach and participated in fund raising activities at St. Joseph's Parish and the Garden City Nursery School. He has recently retired after a 39 year career as a corporate lawyer at a New York City based financial services organization where he specialized in institutional finance issues.

Joseph Moody
(see Nominees for Director)

Kenneth Moody was born and raised in the Village of Garden City. A graduate of Garden City High School class of 1985, Ken was captain of the track team and currently holds five school records. He attended Boston College and received his BA in 1989. At BC, Ken was again captain of the track team and is the record holder in the high jump. He was inducted into the Boston College Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 2002. Ken has worked for Katz Media Corporation in New York City as an account executive for the past 17 years and is a member of the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department. Ken and his wife Marisa are the parents of two daughters who currently attend Stewart School. Ken has played softball in Garden City's Recreation League since 1991 and his daughters Nicole (10) and Emily (8) are both very active in GCAA sports. The Moody's are active parishioners at the Cathedral of the Incarnation.

Patrick Moore has lived in GC since 1978. He has a BA in mathe-

atics from Vanderbilt University and an MBA from Indiana University. He is the owner and chief executive of Electronic Processing Services, LLC in Mineola, which provides credit card processing services to restaurants, hotels and other merchant establishments across the country. Pat is married with two adult children, both of whom attended GC schools. He has been active as a coach in youth soccer and softball.

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.

Harrison (Harry) Oelrich, a 42 year resident, is a former director and president of the EPOA, and previously 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.

Neil O'Malley
(see Nominees for Director)

Edward I. Pandolfo has lived in Garden City, with his wife Maryann, since 1977. He graduated from St. John's University in 1969 with a BS in Economics, and in 1972 with an MBA in Finance. He is retired from a career on Wall Street, where he worked for Merrill Lynch for 24 years, most recently as a director and vice president of Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corporation. Their daughter, Cristina, attended GC schools through high school.

Ted Rechner has been a resident of the Village for 25 years. Upon graduating from GCHS in 1985, Ted obtained a degree in electrical engineering from the Johns Hopkins University and has enjoyed careers in information technology and management consulting. He is experienced in a broad range of industries including financial services, where Ted was a vice president and operations manager in the investment bank at Bear Stearns & Co. Like so many others who grew up in the Village, Ted returned to Garden City and has been happily back for seven years. He and his wife, Deborah, live in the eastern section, where they plan on raising a family.

John Schlapp, a life long resident of Garden City, is a member of the Garden City Fire Department where he currently holds the rank of Ex-Captain. He has been an active member for 19 years. John attended Nassau Community College where he met his wife, Valerie Rhodes, also a life long resident of GC. A graduate of St. John's University, he has been in the insurance and financial

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services industry for 25 years. Additionally, he is a vice president of the family fuel oil business in Hempstead. He has a daughter in GCHS, another daughter in the Middle School and a son at Chaminade HS.

Martin M. Shea has been a resident of Garden City for 23 years, where he and his wife Mari raised their two children, Tim and Erin, who both attended GC schools. He is currently an executive consultant to CBS and has worked for over 30 years for CBS, Viacom and the Triarc Companies in the area of investor relations, including shareholder communications and corporate relationships with securities analysts and money managers. He earned his BA from the University of Hartford and is a member of the National Investor Relations Institute, including serving as president of the NY chapter. Marty was involved as a coach with scouting, soccer and little league

baseball when his children were younger and is a member of St. Joseph's Parish.

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 sons 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 GC schools.

Students in the News

Garden City High School senior Michael Abatemarco, class of 2010 valedictorian, was named a U.S. Presidential Scholar, one of only 141 nationwide. Junior Jan Gong was named a Neuroscience Research Finalist by the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) and presented her research project at AAN's annual meeting in Toronto in April. Jan was also a grand prize winner in the 2010 Long Island Science and Engineering Fair and was named a National Finalist at the College Board's Young Epidemiology Scholars competition, where she was awarded a \$15,000 college scholarship.

Nine students were identified for the 2011 National Merit Scholarship program, which places them among the highest-scoring participants of 1.5 million program entrants nationally. They are Joyce Chang, Gloria DiMino, Jeffrey Fehmel, Jake Galasso, Jan Gong, Peter Menelly, Dylan Safyer, Kevin Schulman and Colleen Way.

For all school related news, check the district Web site at www.gardencity.K12.ny.us.

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fall of 2010. I will also be encouraging the presidents of our other Village property owners associations to implement similar systems so that we can truly represent the opinions of our residents.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to thank the following directors who have reached the end of their terms and will be leaving the Board of Directors after our June meeting. Each of them has voluntarily served on the EPOA board for nine years and provided tremendous efforts and dedication during that time.

Karl Schmidt joined the board as a director in 2001; during his tenure he served as liaison to the Architectural Design and Review board and was then nominated to the Officer position of Treasurer in 2004 and has served this position with dedication since then. In addition to management of all bookkeeping and year-end audit functions of the EPOA, Karl has provided tremendous support each year during our membership drives.

Harrison (Harry) Oellrich has also served on the EPOA board since 2001 as a director, served on the 10 Member Nominating Committee and was then nominated to the Officer position of Vice President and served in that capacity from 2007-2009. At the end of his term as Vice President, he also served as acting President when then President Dennis Donnelly was elected as a Village Trustee. During his tenure on the board, Harry has actively volunteered for various boards and committees and has provided support and dedication to the efforts of the Board for many years.

I would also like to thank Allison Sparacino, who has served as an EPOA director since 2003 and then was nominated to the Officer posi-

tion of Secretary where she served with pride and dedication from 2004 through 2009. Allison has added tremendous value to the board and has recently served as liaison to the EPOA school budget committee where she attended countless meetings in order to keep board members current on all issues. In addition, this year she led a team of directors in reviewing and updating our by-laws to ensure that they were in compliance with the Unified Procedures. Allison has decided to take a break from the board to focus on other activities.

On behalf of the EPOA Board of Directors, I wish Karl, Harry and Allison all the best and encourage them to continue their volunteer efforts as their time permits—they are great assets to our community!

While these residents will leave the Board, the vacancies created will be filled by new directors who have expressed their wish to serve the EPOA and the residents of the East in true volunteer fashion. The EPOA is always looking for new volunteers to serve on the various committees and commissions that are represented by residents of the East. We encourage all residents to attend property owners' association meetings as well as Board of Trustees and other commission meetings so that you can stay current on all the issues related to our Village. The meeting dates are listed on the EPOA Web site. Please support our efforts by becoming a member of the EPOA. Joining is as easy as going to our Web site at www.gcepoa.org. You can also go to our Web site for updates on other Village issues and to email us with your comments or concerns.

In closing, I hope you and your families enjoy the summer months!

EPOA Awards Scholarship

The Eastern Property Owners' Association has awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship to GCHS senior Amanda Caroleo, who will graduate in June. 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. Amanda has volunteered many hours in the Child Life Center of Winthrop Hospital's Pediatric Unit, at the Babe Zaharias Golf Tournament for Breast Cancer, in the St. Joseph's CCD Program, and at the Community Mayors holiday party for handicapped children.

Amanda will attend the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University in the fall, where she plans on preparing for a career as a psychologist. "I have decided to dedicate myself to assisting others who may be in emotional distress to help them live happy and fulfilling lives," Amanda told the scholarship committee. Congratulations, Amanda, and thank you to all applicants for participating.

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

EPOA ANNUAL MEETING

GARDEN CITY LIBRARY, LOWER LEVEL

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

**Reports from Village Trustees Nick Episcopia and Dennis Donnelly
and School Trustee Laura Brown**

Updates on Current Issues from EPOA President Walter McKenna

Questions and Answers to Follow Speakers

**Special slide show presentation by residents
William Bellmer and Cyril Smith
on the history of Garden City**

Please come and participate!

***Share your Concerns and Solutions
with your Neighbors!***