



April 2009

# News & Views

## Message From The Board

Dear Neighbor,  
Happy Spring!

It's been a while since our last newsletter, but in that time the civic board has been quite busy. With new property maintenance laws and welcoming new businesses into our community it has been nonstop for us. With the new season come new challenges and new opportunities. The challenges are the new and ongoing projects; the opportunities are making new friends and forging new alliances.

The Board joined Nassau County Legislator Richard Nicoletto and the Greater NHP Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the recent ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of the new Chase Bank on Jericho Turnpike. At this event we made some new friends and associations that will enhance our efforts. The Garden City Park Civic Association is also gaining a reputation as "a good bunch of people to work with". This goes hand in hand with our philosophy of building strong relationships with both local government and businesses to achieve a common goal of making Garden City Park an even better place to live.

Please enjoy this issue of *News and Views* and remember we can't do it alone! Positions on the board are still open and need to be filled. If you are interested in joining the Civic board please contact us at [civicinfo@verizon.net](mailto:civicinfo@verizon.net).

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2009**

7:30 pm

**Place:** VFW Hall, 2163 Jericho Turnpike  
Garden City Park, NY

## Property Maintenance Violators Be Warned

By Janet Bevers

After a number of complaints were registered with town officials, action has finally been taken regarding property maintenance violations at 96 North 6th Street. For anyone who has travelled that street over the past 6 – 8 months, you have no doubt noticed not only the property maintenance violations, but more importantly, the public safety issues it posed. The house that once sat on this property had been demolished and construction on a new home never began. That left a very large hole in the ground which was filling with debris and vegetation was completely overgrown. The safety fence around a portion of the vacant property was damaged and large sections were not secured. Concerned neighbors on the block helped to bring some of these issues to resolution. After persistence on the resident's part, Town officials including Town Supervisor Jon Kaiman, Councilman Angelo Ferrara, Councilwoman Lee Seeman, and Superintendent of Highways Thomas Tiernan came to the site on a cold and rainy December morning armed with team of Public Works employees and all the necessary equipment to clean up the site and minimize safety concerns. The cost of this clean-up has been passed onto the property owner along with a bench warrant for his arrest since the owner has failed to respond to prior notices of violation. We extend our thanks and appreciation to Supervisor Jon Kaiman, Councilman Angelo Ferrara, Councilwoman Lee Seeman and all town officials involved in this clean-up effort. Additionally, the residents involved in this effort are to be congratulated. Their actions demonstrate what can be done with persistence and determination.

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## SAVE THE DATE

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

#### MAY 13TH

GCP Civic Association  
Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall,  
2163 Jericho Turnpike

#### MAY 16TH

**Earth Day Clean Up**, 10:00 a.m. at  
the triangle where Nassau Blvd.  
meets Marcus Avenue

#### MAY 25TH

**Memorial Day Parade**  
Starts 9:00 a.m. at Jericho Turnpike  
and Denton Ave

#### MAY 30TH

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Garden City Park  
Community Yard Sale/Flea  
Market** at Garden City Park School  
9:00 am to 3:00pm; Rain date is  
Sunday, May 31

## Heroes Needed....

### Garden City Park Residents Answer The Call

Thursday, January 29, 2009 was National Blood Donor Day. Senator Craig Johnson, the Garden City Park Fire Department, and the Garden City Park Civic Association co-hosted a blood drive with Long Island Blood Services. We are pleased to report that 78 potential donors showed up and 64 were able to actually donate. A donation of blood is a very precious and giving gesture and represents the gift of life to someone in need. Long Island Blood Services reports that there is currently a considerable shortage. Any resident who is able to donate can contact Long Island Blood Services at (516) 478-5030 to schedule an appointment. If you have never donated blood, rest assured it is painless and the entire process takes approximately 30 minutes. The Civic Association has pledged its continued support in this effort. Future blood drives will be posted on the Civic website and published in the Newsletter. We hope you will consider donating in the future.



## Veterans of Foreign Wars

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### Annual Membership Application

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Membership Type: (Check One) Individual/Family \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send “News & Views” By: (Check One) E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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## VIC'S CORNER



### DID YOU KNOW?

The first map designating land ownership in Garden City Park was published in 1859 and it showed only about 15 houses. One of the last few houses left standing was at the point of Denton Ave. and Marcus Ave just behind the water district. The house that stands on the corner of Pubins Lane & Marcus Ave. is also among the oldest. It was preceded by another dwelling that burned down. The second identifiable building in the community in its same capacity is now called "Patrick's East Side Grill" on the south side of Jericho Turnpike. A later map of 1873 showed that many changes took place with only a few properties changing ownership. Most of the houses on the two maps existed well into the twentieth century.

See the next issue of News & Views for more Garden City Park History.

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## Garden City Park Welcomes Wachovia into Our Community

At the January 7th Civic Board meeting, the Board announced that Wachovia Bank had filed a special use variance application with the Town of North Hempstead to build a branch on the corner of Jericho Turnpike and Herricks Road, next to Jonathan's Restaurant. Councilman Angelo Ferrara extended the Civic Board an invitation to attend a meeting with Wachovia prior to the Town's public hearing on January 27th. Janet Bevers, Corresponding Secretary and Patrick Farrell, Chairman of the Beautification Committee attended and reviewed Wachovia's proposal. The Bank's proposed plans are aesthetically pleasing and include a great deal of plantings and shrubs. During this meeting, Janet Bevers shared resident's feedback obtained at our January Civic Board Meeting and asked Wachovia to donate a community sign: "Welcome to Garden City Park" on Jericho Tpke. Additionally, the Civic Board immediately followed-up with a letter to the Town of North Hempstead asking that our request for a welcome sign be made a condition of the special use variance being granted. At the public hearing on January 27th, the Bank's application was approved and Wachovia has agreed to donate a welcome sign to our community. Once the necessary building permits are obtained, construction is expected to begin in early spring with a target date to open in late 2009. The Civic Board has a copy of the proposed plans and they are available for your review at our regular monthly meetings.

## Janet Bevers Honored by Senator Johnson as Woman of Distinction

Garden City Park Civic Association Corresponding Secretary Janet Bevers was named Woman of Distinction by Senator Craig Johnson at a dinner held in March at the Swan Club in Glenwood Landing. She was one of 15 honorees from the 7<sup>th</sup> Senate District recognized for their work in education, community service and neighborhood activism.

Janet has a proven record of dedication to our community and has provided immense leadership in her work with the Civic Association. She is also instrumental in planning and running many events as Research Assistant for the Village of New Hyde Park.

The Garden City Park Civic Association congratulates Janet for her achievement.



Janet Bevers with Senator Craig Johnson and GCP Civic Association President Paul Noetzel, Vice-President Mary LaClair and Beautification Chairman Patrick Farrell

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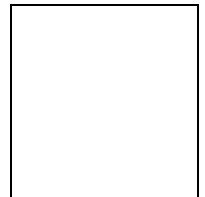
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