



ESTATES REPORTER

Property Owners' Association of Garden City Estates, Inc.

PO Box 282

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Electors' Meeting for Nomination of Village Trustee Candidate Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 8 P.M. at Stratford School

Meeting Agenda

The next meeting of the Property Owners' Association at Garden City Estates, Inc. will be held at Stratford School on Tuesday, January 17, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

The January meeting actually consists of two parts. The first part of the meeting is the "Electors' Meeting" at which we nominate, under the Village Community Agreement, depending upon the year and open positions, persons to be voted on by the Village residents for the positions of Village Trustee and School Board Trustee. The second part is our regular POA meeting.

At this year's particular Electors' Meeting, we will be voting on one Estates resident who has been nominated by the Estates Nominating Committee for the position of Village Trustee.

Following nomination by all of the POAs in the Village (Estates, East, West and Central), of their respective candidates, a general election is held in March, 2012 for terms commencing in April. Village Trustees are generally elected for two-year terms on an alternating basis (one from each POA).

For the Electors' Meeting, the agenda will be:

- The Nominating Committee of the POA will deliver its formal report nominating the Estates resident nominated to serve as Village Trustee.
- Residents vote on the person nominated or Residents may submit one or more alternatives for nomination. See description of the process on page 3.

For our regular meeting, the agenda will be:

- General Items of Interest from our present School Board and Village Trustees, Library Trustee, recreation committee representative, and other commissions and committees.
- The POA Nominating Committee announcing their candidate search for up to five POA Director seats.
- New business, if any, and resident questions or issues.

**The Nominating Committee nominates:
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE:
Brian Daughney, 59 Euston Road**

Brian has lived in the Estates section of the Village with his wife Jacqueline Goode for approximately 11 years and has two pre-school age children.

Brian is a corporate and securities lawyer and is a partner in the New York office of Becker-Poliakoff, LLP, a Florida based firm with approximately 130 lawyers. Brian's professional experience includes providing a variety of corporate clients with his services specializing in business transactions, capital markets financing and broker dealer regulation.

He has 23 years of corporate and securities law experience representing entrepreneurs, startups, small cap and middle market companies through the various stages of their development.

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**The Nominating Committee nominates:
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE:
Brian Daughney 59 Euston Road
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Brian Daughney has served as Trustee on behalf of the Estates POA since May 2010. Brian has been involved in the village since he moved into Garden City. He has been a very active member of the Property Owners' Association of Garden City Estates. He is a former President of the Estates POA and a former director of the POA. Brian served on the Nominating Committee and the POA's Bylaws Committee while he was one of our directors.

As a Village Trustee, Brian served on the Village Trustee Finance Committee, Traffic Commission and the Insurance Review sub-committee during the past 18 months. He is currently the Trustee liaison to the Cultural and Recreation Commission, the Architectural Design Review Board, and the Board of Appeals and Planning Commission.

When asked to comment on his experience, Brian wanted to make clear his enthusiasm to continue to serve on the Village Board of Trustees. Brian stated that he "appreciates the vote of confidence and support provided by the Nominating Committee and the Estates POA. I did not know anyone in the Estates POA before I decided to get involved about 9 years ago. I believe that being chosen as the nominee for the trustee position this year reflects how the POA system is inclusive and appreciates when residents get involved and decide to volunteer their time for the betterment of the Village. I will continue to work with my fellow trustees and the Citizens Budget Review and Advisory Committee to advance our efforts to review all of our operations, and will continue to challenge our Village staff, who work for all of us to maintain our facilities and deliver our tremendous services, to look at our procedures with a view towards saving costs and expenses. As just one example, at the suggestion of the Citizens Budget and Review advisory Committee, the Insurance Committee of the Board undertook a complete review of our Village insurance program, and this review resulted in better coverage with significant savings in premiums."



POA Message

We wish all of our members a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year. Good health to all of you and your families.

Please come to the POA Meeting and Electors' Meeting on January 17, 2012. In addition to the normal election process for candidate for Village Trustee, we expect to have interesting and recent updates to various on-going Village topics. We also encourage your attendance in order for residents to meet their POA representatives, other members, committee members, Trustees, and commissioners of various Village Commissions. Also be sure to visit our website at gcestates.org

If you have not already done so, please be sure to get your dues & membership cards in ASAP.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP YOUR VILLAGE!!

Our website address is www.gcestates.org. We use it for keeping our members informed on upcoming meetings and events. You can also find our POA Bylaws on the site and lists of officers and directors, as well as links to other information; please visit.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers Village-wide. Whether it is POA, Village government, School related, Sports, charitable, religious, medical, or other, please know that so many people are thankful and appreciate your efforts.

Thank you for your continued support and for all the time that is committed to making Garden City a beautiful, wonderful place to live

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

In accordance with the POA Bylaws, the Nominating Committee is charged with recruiting and reviewing candidates for POA Board Members, School Board Trustees, and Village Trustees (including Mayor, when applicable) under the Village Community Agreement. The Nominating Committee makes recommendations for POA Board members for a vote by the POA, and also nominates Estates residents as Trustee candidate(s) for election by a vote by Estates residents. Officers of the POA are appointed by the Board of the POA. The Board of the POA also appoints persons to the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of 15 Members divided into three equal classes which each serve three-year terms. Every year, one third of the Nominating Committee is subject to appointment. The current members of the Nominating Committee are listed on page 5. The members of the Nominating Committee are appointed by the POA Board of Directors.

As set forth in the Community Agreement executed many years ago by the four Village POA groups, two Village Trustees (or one Trustee and one Mayor candidate, depending upon the year) from each POA are each nominated to serve for a staggered term of two years. The position of Mayor is actually a separate position under the charter of the Village of Garden City. So the Village has seven Trustees and one Mayor.

Each property owners' association in the Village (of which there are four) has the right to nominate in January, a Village Trustee for their respective POA. The Village Trustees are elected on a "rotating" or staggered" term basis, meaning that each year one of the two Trustee positions is available for a two-year term. The Trustee position is nominated for candidacy by the POAs in January (that is the "Electors' Meeting") and then elected in a Village wide election held in March to a two year term commencing in April of each year. A Trustee candidate is nominated by the Nominating Committee and is presented to the residents at the "Electors Meeting" held in January of each year.

Under the Village Community Agreement, the position of Mayor of the Village is determined on a rotating basis among the 4 POAs. Traditionally, the senior Trustee from the POA is nominated to serve as Mayor.

School Board (or Board of Education) Trustees are elected to a 3-year term. Each POA nominates one School Board Trustee; however, there is an "at large" trustee nomination that is rotated among the four property owners' associations. The Estates currently has one School Board Trustee.

Under the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee advertises for Village Trustee, and when applicable, Mayor (per village section rotation) and School Board Trustee candidates. The Nominating Committee interviews the candidates and reports results of the selection process to the POA Secretary. At least 20 days prior to the Electors Meeting, the Secretary of the POA notifies the Estates residents of the candidate(s) selected by the Nominating Committee. The election for Estates candidates is held at the January Electors' Meeting.

Any 15 or more Estates residents (NOT required to be POA members but must be Estates residents) can nominate a challenge to the person(s) nominated by the Nominating Committee by submitting a petition for an alternate candidate at the Electors Meeting. If that occurs, a runoff election for candidacy is then held two weeks later

This year's Electors Meeting is on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. As reported to the Secretary of The POA by the Nominating Committee, Mr. Brian Daughney has been nominated and will be presented as Estates Candidate for Village Trustee.

SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR POA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee is seeking residents interested in the Estates POA Board. Our POA Board consists of 15 persons serving in three classes, each class serving for three year staggered terms. This year, a class of Directors is scheduled for election. Please submit to John Skramko, your name & address (or recommend someone). Include a short resume or similar biography and include any information that you think may be relevant, such as involvement with the Garden City community at large. You should also include professional resume and / or personal information that you would like the committee to review and consider.

You may send information via email (jskramko@live.com) or to the POA's post office box address: Estates Property Owners' Association P.O. Box 282, Garden City, NY 11530, Attn. Nominating Committee. Additionally, you may contact any of the other members of the Nominating Committee. A list is attached and available on our website

Nomination of Candidates for POA Board of Directors

The Estates POA Board of Directors is comprised of 15 persons divided into three classes (A, B, and C) of five persons each. One Class of the Board is subject to election at the Annual Meeting of the POA to be held on **May 9, 2012**. Five candidates are needed for consideration as Class members for a term of three years. Current Class members eligible for re-election may apply. Also, 5 Nominating Committee positions will be considered for appointment by the Board.

POA Board members are required to be dues paying members of the POA.

Submissions must be received on or before Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 5:00 pm. Please forward all submissions to John Skramko, Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Estates POA, **PO Box 282, Garden City, New York 11530**, or submissions may be made by email to jskramko@live.com.

You may also contact neighbors presently serving on the Nominating Committee (see listing on page 5 of this newsletter) or any officer of the POA for information.

Nominating Committee Candidates

Candidates for the Nominating Committee must submit their request for consideration to the Secretary of the Estates POA on or **before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2012**. Nominating Committee candidates need only to be Estates residents. The candidates should submit a written summary of qualifications they deem relevant, their address and professional background, and other information that the candidate believes pertinent to the Nominating Committee position. Please clearly state for which position you are applying. It is the position of the Estates POA that candidates should be able to demonstrate a strong level of knowledge regarding the functions and duties of the Village Board of Trustees and School Board Trustees. Nominating Committee members, as part of their responsibilities are required to attend Village Board of Trustee Meetings, Village School Board Meetings, and POA Meetings.

Please forward all submissions to Michael Holland Secretary of the Estates POA, **PO Box 282, Garden City, New York 11530**, or submissions may be made by email to mholland@condonlaw.com. You may also contact neighbors presently serving on the Nominating Committee (see listing on page 5 of this newsletter) or any officer of the POA for information.

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OF
GARDEN CITY ESTATES
c/o P.O. Box 282
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LIST OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, POA VILLAGE AND SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES
May 2011 to April 2012 Term

Set forth below are the names and email addresses of the officers and directors of the Property Owners' Association of Garden City Estates, Inc. There are a total of 15 directors, four of whom also serve as officers

President and Director	William Slattery	wslattery@qmcpartners.net
Vice President and Director	Greg Senken	gesgc@optonline.net
Secretary and Director	Michael Holland	mholland@condonlaw.com
Treasurer and Director	Matt Abrusci	matthew.abrusci@credit-suisse.com
Director	John Skramko	jskramko@live.com
Director	Manny Velez	mvelez61@optonline.net
Director	Michele Harrington	michele@harringtonfamilygc.com
Director	Betsy Andromidas	betsyandromidas@gmail.com
Director	James Sugrue	jsugrue@sugruecontracting.com
Director	Vincent Fusco	dvfusco@optonline.net
Director	Phillip Gullo	pgullo64@hotmail.com
Director	Susan Eigl	seiglrealtor@aol.com
Director	Courtney Rosenblatt	crrosenblatt@yahoo.com
Director	Kristina Russo	krusso@optonline.net
Director	Cathy Wood	ajat319@aol.com

Set forth below are the names and contact information for the Estates Village Trustee representatives (with respective term ending dates):

Brian Daughney (April 2012)	bdaughney61@optonline.net
John DeMaro (April 2013)	jdemaro@rmfpc.com

Set forth below are the names and contact information for our School Board Trustee representative
Colleen Foley, President BOE (June 2013) CECF@aol.com

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS
May 2011 to May 2014 Term (see terms per "class" below)

<u>Term Expiring 2012</u>	<u>Term Expiring 2013</u>	<u>Term Expiring 2014</u>
Rachel Cashwell 119 Euston Rd	Matt Genova 80 Wellington Rd	Jerie Newman 10 Euston Rd
Philip Gullo * 51 Euston Rd	Tina Dimino 148 Brompton Rd	Gregory Senken * 161 Wellington
John Skramko* 176 Wellington	Allen Mathers 30 Kensington Rd	Michael Ventre 85 Newmarket Rd
Linda Wangner 29 Euston Rd	Manny Velez * 173 Nassau Blvd	Paul Van Valkenberg 146 Nassau Blvd
Cathy Wood * 167 Tullamore Rd	Robert Bommarito 122 Kensington Rd	Tom Stenson 84 Kilburn Rd

* indicates committee member is also a Director of the POA Board