



Letter from the Mayor – Vote November 5th



Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 5th. Below, please review the Garden City issues that will appear on the ballot. The first three referendums relate directly to the City of Garden City, the second two are related to the Garden City Library, and the last one involves Garden City Public Schools.



The First issue below is the ballot as written for candidates running for the City Council. The stated request is to vote for four (4) candidates for Council.

The second issue below includes the renewal of the “Police and Fire Millage”. Presently the Police and Fire Millage allows for the City to budget over \$1.8 million per year toward public safety. The millage was started eight years ago when our two public safety departments were looking at having to reduce police officers and firefighter/paramedics. To continue to maintain essential Police and Fire services and response times, the residents are being asked to renew this millage for the next five years. Since it is a renewal, there would be no change in your millage rate.

The third below issue includes a “Proposed Charter Amendment”. Presently the City’s Charter includes a position called “Clerk/Treasurer”. Reporting to the Clerk/Treasurer is the position of Deputy Treasurer. The request is to change the Charter to include a City Clerk and a City Treasurer, thereby removing the position of Deputy Treasurer. The reasoning for this change is for checks and balances, as well as the need for special talents and experience for each position.

Under Garden City Library below, there are two issues to consider. The first issue is to vote for two (2) candidates for the Library Board, and the second is the appeal of the Garden City Library Board to request a 1.0 mill increase over 10 years for the future construction of a new Garden City Public Library. On the other side of this newsletter, the Garden City Public School District is requesting a renewal to their Sinking Fund Millage for the construction and repair of school buildings.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTION

Vote for Four (4):

- Melissa DiMichele
- Brian Earle
- Kelly Kerwin
- Patricia Squires

PROPOSED POLICE AND FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the City of Garden City continue to levy 0.35 percent of the assessed value, or a total of 3.5 mills, on all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City (in other words, \$3.50 per \$1,000.00, on taxable value of property located in the City of Garden City) for five years beginning with the 2020 tax levy year and running through 2025 tax levy year, inclusive, to be used for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing for the operation and equipment of the Garden City Police and Fire Departments. It is estimated that a levy of 3.5 mills would raise approximately \$1,847,000.00 in revenue in the first year of such levy. If approved, this would be a renewal of a previously authorized millage.

Shall the proposed police and fire millage renewal be adopted?

- Yes
- No

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

Currently, Article IV (Administrative Departments and Appointments) of the Charter of the City of Garden City provides for a Department of City Clerk/Treasurer headed by a City Clerk/Treasurer. It is proposed that this combined department, headed by a City Clerk/Treasurer, be replaced by a Department of City Clerk headed by a City Clerk with stated responsibilities and a Department of City Treasurer headed by a City Treasurer with stated responsibilities by amending Section 4.01, deleting Section 4.05 and adding Sections 4.051 and 4.052.

Shall this amendment as proposed be adopted?

- Yes
- No

GARDEN CITY LIBRARY

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS ELECTION

Vote for Two (2):

- Nancy J. Bailey
- William Paul Werhane

ADDITIONAL LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the tax limitation on all taxable real and tangible personal property in the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by an amount not to exceed 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2020 to 2029, inclusive, as new additional millage for the purpose of providing funds for the design and construction of a new library building for the Garden City Public Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law?

Shall the proposed library millage be adopted?

- Yes
- No

GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SINKING FUND MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the currently authorized millage rate of 1.9395 mills (\$1.9395 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all property in Garden City Public Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2021 to 2025, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2021 is approximately \$1,051,917 (this is a renewal of a millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy)?

Shall the proposed public school millage renewal be adopted?

Yes
No

ELECTION INSPECTORS NEEDED

The City Clerk's Office always needs Poll Workers



Come and be part of the democratic process. To be considered, you must be a Registered voter in the State of Michigan, computer literate, and able to work election days from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

You will be paid \$170.00 for the day, plus a mandatory training pay of \$20.00, with lunch provided on election day. If interested, turn in your completed application to the City Clerk's Office.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/Elec_Inspecc-Appl_131809_7.pdf?20150422085944

For questions, please contact Matthew Miller, Garden City Clerk at 734-793-1620.



OUR CITY, OUR TEAM



Come out and attend a high school game or help our schools as a volunteer.

Please support our local sports teams and programs. *We're in this together!*

Free Food for Seniors

Focus: HOPE

Monthly Food Program

for low-income seniors in Garden City

If you are a senior 60 years or older, you might be eligible for a free box of food each month!

Food Pick Up:

First Wednesday of each month

From 12:00 PM-1:30 PM

To register stop by Our H.O.M.E. Pantry.

For more information call (734) 793-1859.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

FREE!

Join us for Weekly Family Nights...
Dinner's on us!



- Are your kids acting out at home or school?
- Do you wish life at home was less stressful?
- Do you feel your child needs extra help controlling anger?

Parents and Children Ages 7 to 11 Years
(Must be Western Wayne County Resident)

Space is Limited, Call Today! **Strengthening Families**
Garden City Family Resource Center **Strengthening Communities**
31735 Maplewood
Garden City Michigan
(734) 793-1860



Support our local businesses and keep the Garden City economy growing!

Keep the Gr\$\$n in Garden City



Over 400 people attended Parks and Recreation's Summer Splash event in City Park

Community Shred Day Fall 2019

Saturday, November 2nd
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

City Hall Parking Lot
6000 Middlebelt Road Garden City, MI 48135

Mobile Secretary of State, Prescription Drug Disposal, HOME Pantry Food Donations

Roadwork Continues Across Garden City!

