



## Letter from the Mayor

### Congratulations to Ethan VanBelle!



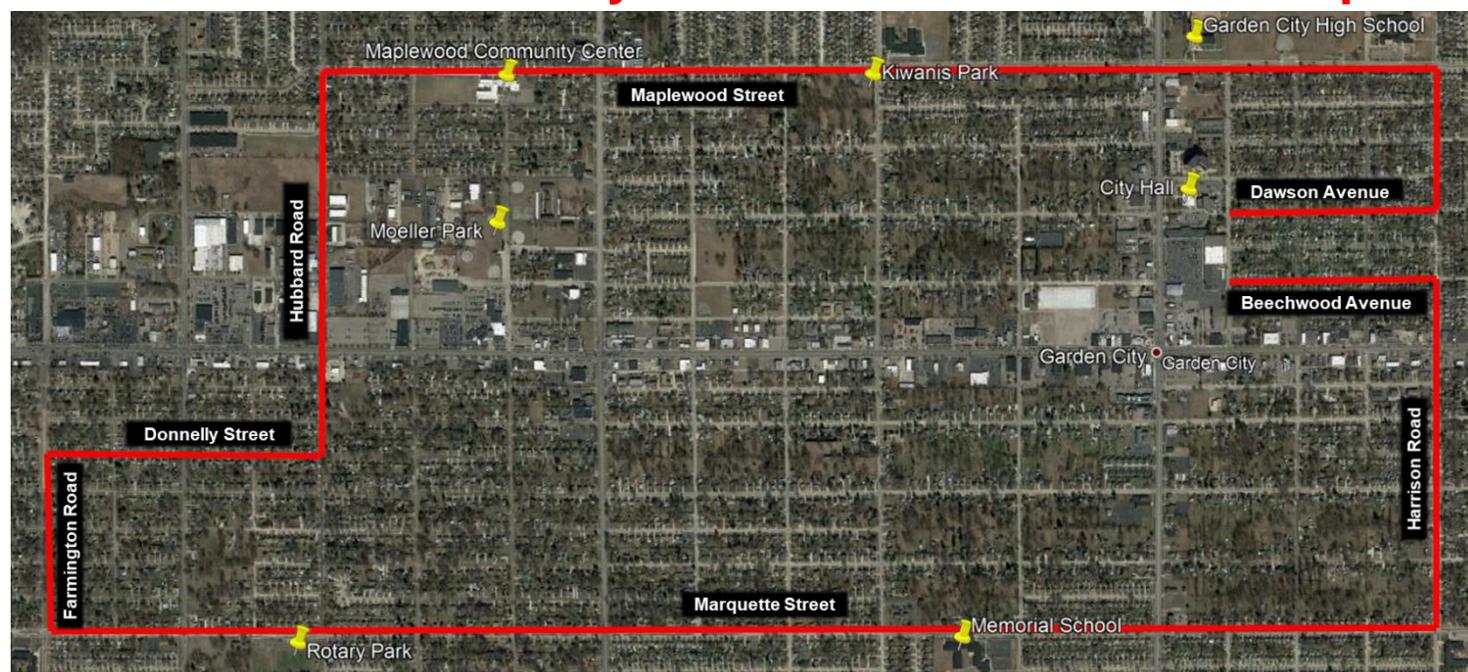
A few months ago, the City of Garden City was proudly represented by a young man who accomplished something that few people in the country have ever done. Ethan VanBelle became the winning pitcher of the Little League World Series Championship Game. Think about the many people you have met in your life. Especially the people that may have done something extraordinary in their life. More than likely you will never meet a baseball player who ever played in the Little League World Series, let alone was named the winning pitcher. Even in Ethan's lifetime, there have only been four other Americans who were the winning pitcher of the Little League World Series. Now, that is a feat worth celebrating.



Please join me in congratulating Ethan for his accomplishment and help in encouraging all children and young men and women to participate in sports and other activities at a young age. Competition builds character, teaching the values of winning and losing, while at the same time developing kids into productive adults. The value of being a part of something greater than yourself is a great lesson for everyone.

*Randy Walker*  
Mayor of Garden City

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden City Santa Ride – Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.



On Thursday evening, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Garden City will present its fourth annual Santa Ride. Being escorted by a police car and fire truck, Santa will be making a trip throughout our City. While he won't be stopping on the route, feel free to step out your door, or walk down the street to wave to Jolly Old St. Nick passing by. Starting at 6:30 p.m., the small parade will leave City Hall and travel east on Beechwood Avenue to Harrison Road. Santa will then travel south, across Ford Road, to make a right and travel west on Marquette Street. Making a right on Farmington Road, Santa will then make a right and travel east on Donnelly Street. Making a left on Hubbard Road and traveling north across Ford Road, Santa will make a right on Maplewood Street and travel east to Harrison Road. Making a right on Harrison, the parade's final turn will be onto Dawson Avenue, where the Santa Ride will end in the City Hall Parking Lot. To help you with timing to see Santa pass by, the overall ride is expecting to take approximately 45 minutes.

## "Letters to Santa" City Hall Drop-Off Ends December 10<sup>th</sup>

For the third year, Santa will be accepting letters at Garden City, City Hall. If your child has a letter they want to send to Santa, drop it off into the Santa Mailbox in City Hall (after Thanksgiving, but before Fri., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>) and your child will receive a letter back from Santa himself. Be sure your child clearly writes their name and return address on their letter.



## Do you love to decorate your house? Tell us by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>!

This holiday season, Garden City will host its Third annual "best decorated house competition". By December 15<sup>th</sup>, you must email City Hall your street address with a picture of the lights. Please send your information to: [holidaylights@gardencitymi.org](mailto:holidaylights@gardencitymi.org). Because we will recognize the best decorated houses, the homeowner of the house must be the one to send in the info.



# COLD WEATHER FIRE SAFETY

- ✓ Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional
- ✓ Plug space heaters directly into the wall outlet, not a surge protector or extension cord
- ✓ Use only space heaters with an automatic shutoff
- ✓ Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed
- ✓ Do not use space heaters in enclosed areas, like under a desk
- ✓ Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater
- ✓ Burn only dry, seasoned fire wood



**Avoid getting a parking ticket during snow emergencies! Get on the Garden City NIXLE list:**

**Text Our Garden City Zip Code (48135) to:**

**888777**

## DEADLINE TO KNOW!

**Remember that "Yard Waste Pick up" is between April 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 15<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to clean-up your property of grass, leaves, and branches before December 15<sup>th</sup>!**

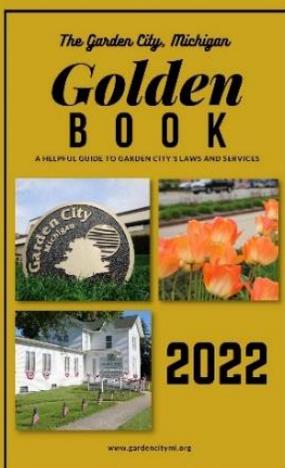


## Sustainability Corner

Energy efficient choices can save families about a third on their energy bill. Buying new household products during the holiday season is normal but be sure to buy products that have earned the ENERGY STAR rating. They meet strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the EPA and U.S. Department of Energy. Being strategic in your purchases can produce twice the savings — for your financial savings and the environment. [www.energystar.gov/](http://www.energystar.gov/)

## As a reminder...

In accordance with Ordinance #54.04, garbage cans should not be set out for collection prior to 5:00 p.m., the day before your scheduled collection day. Then, after they are emptied, garbage cans should be removed from the street by 12:00 noon the day following the scheduled collection.



## The Garden City "Golden Book"

As a Garden City property owner, there is much to know about our great City. For 2022, the City composed a helpful guide of information and mailed it to over 11,800 properties. The purpose of the "Golden Book" is to advise you of specific Ordinances related to your property, as well as information about City services that would be beneficial to you. Extra copies of the Golden Book can be obtained at City Hall.

## Bill Paying Tip

For easier processing, please bring your water bill or property tax bill with you to City Hall when paying your bill.

## Garden City Fall Tip

Are you looking for a way to make your equipment last longer...well here's a tip! Be sure to empty the gas out of your lawnmower & snow blower at the end of the season and dispose of it appropriately. Gas becomes stale over time. Also, change the oil in both machines. If your equipment is running rough, it may be because you are using old gas or the oil needs changing.



## City Hall Holiday Schedule

City departments will be closed on the following days:

- November 25 - Thanksgiving Day
- November 26 - The Day After Thanksgiving Day
- December 23 - In place of Christmas Eve
- December 24 - In place of Christmas Day
- December 30 - In place of New Year's Eve
- December 31 - In place of New Year's Day

*Christmas & New Year's Day are both on Saturdays.*

***We wish everyone a Happy Holidays & a great New Year!***