



Letter from the Mayor

Thank You!



On November 8, 2022, I was fortunate to be voted in as the 22nd Mayor of the City of Garden City. I want to thank everybody for their support, as I am humbled by the opportunity to be chosen to further serve the community in which I was born and raised. I will do my best to always act in the best interest of Garden City and lead the City with a vision for the future, bringing everyone together, to make Garden City the best it can be.

In addition, I am hopeful of answering your questions as they come about. Many times, in local government, issues are not as simple as they may first appear. Decisions are often made by which many factors are considered. During open discussion at a Council meeting, not every topic is discussed in great detail from what the Mayor and Council Members already know. I plan to have what can be called a “fireside Chat”, which will be quarterly meetings to speak freely. My intent is to stay in the Council Chamber quarterly, following a meeting, to answer questions of anyone in attendance. As different topics come about, I am also hopeful to periodically have City staff available to assist in answering your concerns. Until then, my email address is: JacobsM@GardenCityMI.org

Thank you again for your support.

Mark Jacobs

Mayor of Garden City

Garden City Public Works Department (DPW) and Snow Maintenance

Since we are in the midst of the winter season, City Hall is often asked why the City does what it does when it comes to snow removal. Here are a few facts that you might find interesting.

Miles of Roadway

Although there are approximately 107 miles of roadway in Garden City, all of the roads need several passes with a snowplow. Therefore, the combination of miles driven by our trucks is over 500 miles for a city-wide plowing event. That is driving from Garden City to Nashville, Tennessee.



When Does Plowing Start?

On snow events less than 3 inches, DPW will treat the roads with salt. Salt will normally break up this amount of snow and make a safe driving surface. Snowfalls with amounts of 3 inches or higher, the City will declare a snow emergency which prohibits all on-street parking on city roads. This allows DPW to plow the roads thoroughly. *Note:* Temperatures influence the effectiveness of salt. Salt starts to lose its effectiveness with temperatures below 20 degrees, and almost not effective at all below 10 degrees. Sunshine and traffic will help in these conditions.

How Long Does It Take?

It takes DPW 8 to 12 hours to plow and salt the entire City. This also involves the clearing of all City owned parking lots and sidewalks. Although the snowfall totals, duration of the snowstorm, and the work force available will influence the amount of time it takes to clear the entire city, we will usually use a minimum of 12 trucks to accomplish this. Keep in mind, if we can't start plowing snow until 3 inches have fallen, and it could take 12 hours to complete, this is the reason that it may take most of the day until your street is finally plowed.

What Roads Does the City Not Plow or Salt?

DPW prioritizes its roads. We start with our major roads Maplewood, Marquette, Farmington, Harrison, etc., and then we move to all our local roads. We do not maintain Ford, Middlebelt, Merriman, Venoy, Inkster, etc. These are County roads and are maintained by Wayne County.



“GARDEN CITY UNIVERSITY” – Begins in March

After three successful semesters, Garden City University is taking applications for the spring semester. The goal of offering “GCU” is to provide citizens the opportunity to learn about the City’s services and operations. The six-week course is free and will meet every other Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The course will cover a number of topics including City administration, public works, public safety, finance, parks & rec and a variety of areas related to Garden City’s municipal government.

For more information and how to register, go to:

www.gardencitymi.org/740/Garden-City-University



Avoid getting a parking ticket during snow emergencies!

Get on the Garden City NIXLE list:

Text Our Garden City Zip Code (48135) to:

888777

The Garden City Gift Shop and Café is now open at the new Radcliff Center!



Garden City gear is now available for purchase. There is a section for “East vs West”, “GC Born and Raised”, “GC kid”, and “Garden City Girl” shirts and hats. Youth sizes are available in most designs. Other items include cornhole boards, table coasters, embossed notebooks, and snacks and beverages. Stop by Mon through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Radcliff Center at 1751 Radcliff, one block south of the Garden City Middle School, off Ford Road. Enter the west door.



Game Room for ages 16 and up



Two Dance Studios



Senior Fitness Club

Check Your Smoke Alarms Today!

Every year you should change the batteries in your smoke detectors. If you don't change them twice a year during the time change, why not use the “new year” as the date to annually change the batteries and keep yourself and your loved ones safe!



FYI – Garden City Animal Rules and Restrictions



Number of Animals

No person residing in a residential area in the City of Garden City shall keep, harbor, or possess more than a total of three dogs and cats. *Ordinance #90.16*

Animal Licenses

All dogs and cats Within the City must be licensed, and the license must be displayed on the animal's collar at all times. *Ordinance #90.15* Animal Licenses can be obtained in-person at City Hall. The fees are \$10 per year for spayed / neutered animals and \$20 per year for non-spayed / neutered animals. You must present your Certificate of Rabies Vaccination from your veterinarian and proof of neuter / spay.



Santa Caught on Camera

Each morning, the staff at City Hall noticed the Santa Mailbox was empty. It wasn't until we checked the security cameras and saw Santa Claus himself taking the letters from the mailbox.

Do you wonder where the litter on the roadway comes from?

Whenever a homeowner puts trash into their trash can without putting it into a sealed trash bag, it leaves an opportunity for that trash to end up on the street. Once the trash truck dumps canisters into its truck, loose trash can fly out of the truck and land on the street. To stop this, please put all of your trash into a plastic trash bag so that nothing flies out of the truck. This act alone will reduce much of the litter Throughout our Garden City community.



Hello 2023