

2010 WPOA Accomplishments

The Western Property Owners Association (WPOA) is committed to improving the health, safety and beauty of the Western Section of Garden City. With the support of local residents, some of our Association's recent accomplishments include:

- Service on the Citizens Budget Review Advisory Committee (Two residents of the West have served on the CBRAC: Richard Bankosky and Bill Holub. Richard was the Committee's chairman during the last budget season. The WPOA is very proud of their leadership in this critical financial area.)
- Creation of an email account through our website so that the WPOA President can quickly communicate with board members or the general resident population in the West, especially to pass along timely and critical news. (The WPOA encourages residents to give us their email addresses at the time they pay their annual membership dues and to visit our website, www.gcwpoa.com, for local information and Village news).
- Consultation with St. Anne's Church to improve the lighting on the church property.
- Insisting on the removal of green inserts in the Garden City Country Club fencing along Edgemere Road, which were an eyesore for residents and passers-by.
- Installation of a "Stop" sign on the corner of Chester Avenue and Roosevelt Street.
- Planting of new shrubs along the LIRR Stewart Manor station and the installation of a bike rack.
- Support of the revival of the annual "West-End" Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in the park adjacent to the southern New Hyde Park Road shopping district.
- Installation of a bench at Edgemere Park in memory of past president John F. Traxler. The WPOA is working with the Village to have a bench placed at the St. Paul's fields in memory of past president Paul Muscarella, once weather permits. Paul was very involved in youth sports activities, as well as our overall community.
- Assistance with approval and installation of "20 MPH Traffic Signs," crosswalk repainting and enforcement at Homestead School.
- Presentation of scholarships to two outstanding Garden City High School seniors upon their graduation and enrollment in a higher education institution. (The WPOA instituted its scholarship program in 2002.)
- Offering a forum for residents to discuss Village issues. Guests at recent WPOA General Meetings have included: Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs Chairman Kevin Ocker; local residents and history buffs Cyril Smith and Bill Bellmer; Garden City Schools Supt. Dr. Robert Feirsen and Assistant Superintendent for Business Al Chase; Garden City Reference Librarian Laura Flannigan; and EPA Project Mgr. Kevin Willis.