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TOWN OF GUILDERLAND
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January 4, 1977

Dear Residents of Guilderland:

May We, the Town Board of Guilderland, take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Healthful New Year. Unfortunately this news letter was prepared to send with your tax bills but according to Section 5 of New York State Tax Laws, it would be a misdemeanor to mail it with your bill. Therefore, you are receiving this under separate cover.

To attempt to summarize a whole year's accomplishments in a few sentences is most difficult but we shall try our best to do it and not in any order of priority.

1. Senior Citizens program - one of our newest services has proved popular and successful in providing hot luncheons every Tuesday at St. Mark's Community Center in Guilderland Center for a small donation. Transportation is provided for those who need it. Many bus trips to interesting places were available during the year. Plans are now underway for Ceramic, Sewing and Cooking programs. Information is available by calling Janet Stuart at Town Hall 356-1980. The Town has a long term lease on St. Mark's Community Center at a nominal cost and it is available to Community Groups wishing to use it by contacting Town Hall for information.

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2. Frederick House - The beautiful historic facility obtained by the Town at no cost a few years ago has been painted this year and the grounds trimmed. Several new (antique period) pieces of furniture were added. If you desire information concerning its use, please call Town Hall. The Guilderland Garden Club holds its annual Flower Show and Christmas Greens Show open to the public at this place.

3. Recreation and Youth Services Department had, as always, successful and diversified programs. The winter program is now in progress as you may know from notices sent home with the children through our schools. If you are unaware of the program or did not receive the notice, please call Town Hall.

We have one sad note to report and that is that Mr. Charles Houghtaling, who directed our Recreation and Youth program these many years, passed away on December 16, 1976. He will certainly be missed by his many friends. We hope to create a memorial to his name this year.

4. Youth Activities - Torch meets in the old Town Hall and provides young adult activity for High School people. Anyone interested in this program, contact Jim Montrym at 456-0433.

5. We were successful in obtaining a Community Development Grant for \$100,000. and it was used to rehabilitate 15 homes and reconstruct two streets.

6. Highway Department in addition to carrying out a summer long (April to October) mosquito spraying program in cooperation with the recommendations of the State and County Health Depts. and their spring "clean-up/pick up" and their fall "leaf collection" plus winter snow and ice removal, completed the following:

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- (c) Oil and stoned 6 roads
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- (e) Graded, graveled and oil and stoned roads in the Fire training area.

7. Building Dept. - Issued 342 building permits and subsequently inspected the buildings for an estimated cost of construction of \$4,952,243.

8. Zoning Board made 66 interpretations and decisions; granted 27 special use permits and denied 2 permits in addition to granting 25 sign permits and denying 8.

9. Planning Board made 60 site inspections, discussions for subdivisions, rezoning requests and pre-filing conferences. They approved 5 subdivisions. In addition personnel from both Boards were involved in Review and Recommendations

for Wetlands Act and the State Environmental Quality Review Act at local and regional levels.

10. Environmental Conservation Council - Proposed and recommended a Wetlands local law which was adopted - Reviewed and recommended on all subdivision and environmentally involved projects and worked with the Albany County Environmental Management Board in producing Wetlands maps. These have been approved and will be the subject of a public hearing at EnCon, 50 Wolf Road, on January 27th.

11. Water and Sanitation Dept. - Public Hearing was held and the project approved for Westmere Water District Extension Number 2. Construction should start early in 1977. The rehabilitation of the Watervliet Reservoir Pump Station was completed as well as the high lift pump station near the water plant in Northeastern Industrial Park.

Public hearings were held for sanitary sewers in the Ruth, Tice, Zorn, and Church Road area, and expect approval from the Environmental Protection Agency to permit construction bids soon. Final plans for the Nott Road Sewage Treatment Plant have been submitted, and hope to be able to bid early in 1977 as well.

A public hearing was held on providing sanitary sewer service to the Upper Hungerkill Area, which includes all the area along Carman Road, and the developments on streets off Carman Road. Design is already underway on this project.

12. Landfill - Has been spruced up so that it is a more pleasant place to dispose of solid wastes. New machinery has been either leased or purchased to make a more efficient operation and conform with Part 19 of New York State Sanitary Code.

13. Police Dept. - responded to 13,000 calls of all types during the year of which

280 accidents investigated
 167 burglaries and attempts reported and 85 were solved.
 34 missing persons reported and 31 were solved.
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 Juvenile Aid Bureau (under 18 years of age) handled 265 cases.
 referred 32 to Juvenile Court
 " 2 to Welfare agencies
 " 17 to adult court

14. Animal Control - Approximately 3,000 calls were received and responded to. We established our own Animal Shelter at the land-fill property.

15. The Assessors successfully completed the conversion of the tax rolls from manual to computer operation making for new type and more efficient billing.

The new computer-printed assessment roll will be open for public reference at the assessor's office, town hall, on weekdays for the two weeks beginning June 1st, 1977. Grievance day will be held June 19th; at that time the Board of Assessment Review will hear sworn complaints about assessments.

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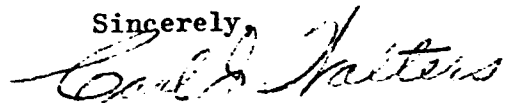
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We apologize for not being able to be more detailed and hope this will give a small picture of services we try to provide. If you have a problem, please call Town Hall at 356-1980. We can't always satisfy but we will certainly make a concerted effort.

Sincerely,



Carl J. Walters, Supervisor
for the Town Board

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