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**FAMILY COURT BUILDING**

Trustee Delany and I have received some inquiries about the status of the new Family Court Building on Washington Avenue and Eleventh Street. Assemblywoman Laura Schaefer arranged a tour of the site on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

This building was constructed in the 1960s, and to avoid being intrusive to the local area, was built below grade. For a variety of reasons there was a severe drainage problem that required the placement of 58 new dry wells at the site. Many of these were 40 feet below the surface. Needless to say this was a monumental task.

Additionally, well over 50 girder columns did not meet today's structural or seismic codes and extensive steel bracing at their base was required. This work is now almost complete and the next phase of the project will start soon. Assemblywoman Schaefer assured us that Nassau County is committed to completing this courthouse and no other use for this 450,000 square foot building is being considered.

**ANDY FOUNDATION - THIRTEENTH ANNUAL YARD SALE**

Please take some time out of your busy schedule to visit the St. Paul's Field House (Stewart and Rockaway Avenues) on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., for the Andy Foundation's 13th Annual Yard Sale.

Also, please note that donation drop off is Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Field House between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The sale will feature furniture, housewares, jewelry, fine china and crystal, garden, holiday and home decor, sporting goods, outdoor furniture, artwork and more!

The Andy Foundation was formed in 2004 to honor the memory of Andrew Patrick Palmeri. Andy's family, young friends and their parents came together with the mission of helping less fortunate children. The "by kids-for kids" charity raises funds through grassroots events like tag sales, football clinics and bingo parties. Grants, donations and hands-on assistance are given to child-based organizations.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

I would like to take a moment to wish all the mothers a very Happy Mother's Day.

## **CATERED SENIOR LUNCHEONS AT THE SENIOR CENTER**

The Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Department of Recreation and Parks, has organized two very successful Senior Luncheons at the Senior Center. Well over 100 resident Seniors attended each luncheon catered by Leo's in March and Walk Street in April. These luncheons are free of charge but do require attendees to sign up at the Recreation and Parks office at the St. Paul's Recreation Complex beginning on the first of each month. The next luncheon will held May 19<sup>th</sup> and will be catered by Kings Supermarket. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce and its participating members for offering such a great and generous program for our Seniors.

## **LIRR GRADE CROSSING WORK**

The parking lot crossing within Parking Lot 6E railroad grade crossing, located on the Long Island Rail Road's Garden Mitchell Secondary in the Village, has been scheduled for rehabilitation on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 p.m. to Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. The rehabilitation will require the closing of the crossing to traffic on these dates.

Upon completion of the crossing panel installation, temporary paving material will be placed between the Long Island Rail Road crossing panels and the saw cut line of the roadway. In the near future, the approaches to the crossing will be permanently repaved (weather permitting). This effort will affect only a single lane of traffic.

## **GARDEN CITY AGAIN NAMED "TREE CITY, USA"**

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Garden City has once again been awarded the designation TREE CITY, USA. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year that Garden City has earned this national recognition.

This award, granted by the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service with the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes communities which meet detailed, objective standards applied to trees on public property. These standards involve ongoing tree planting, maintenance and preservation of trees and the variety of trees planted per year in the community. Evaluations are made based on four standards: a legally constituted municipal tree body, the adoption of tree ordinances, a comprehensive Community Forestry Program and the observance of Arbor Day.

John Rosenow, Chief Executive and Founder of the Arbor Day Foundation, said, "We commend Garden City's elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest. Trees provide numerous environmental, economical and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority."

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at Village Hall.