

October 25, 2023

Thank you to all the Garden City residents who came out for the St. Paul's Public Opinion Poll on Saturday, October 21st. 4,339 residents participated, with 2,635 (61%) choosing Option 1 in support of continued efforts by the Board of Trustees to save part or all of the building, and 1,704 (39%) choosing demolition. Your voices have been heard! This was an important first step towards making a decision on the St. Paul's Main Building, and there is much more work to be done. That work will include hiring experts to assist us in assessing community needs, evaluating the affordability of different options after uses have been determined, and assessing the value those options would provide to our community. These steps will take time, but we will apply the same rigor and momentum to the process that we applied to the implementation and execution of the Public Opinion Poll last weekend.

I would like to thank our Village Clerk, the election workers, and our police officers for all the work on this very long day with the polls being open for 13 hours. It was great to see so many residents participating, and the parking plan put together by Commissioner Jackson worked perfectly with no complaints of difficulty finding a parking spot. In spite of the large turnout, wait times were minimal during most of the day. I would also like to thank the Board of Trustees and our Village Staff for all the work that went into educating residents on this issue prior to the poll. A special thanks to Trustee Michael Sullivan for working with our paid consultants to present clear and accurate information on the preliminary cost estimates, and to our Village Clerk and communications consultant Carisa Giardino, who helped make sure this information went out to all residents so they could be informed. The Board of Trustees looks forward to presenting plans to preserve part or all of the St. Paul's Main Building, supported by data. An engaged and supportive community is critical to successful execution.

BILL PAYMENT CENTER UNDERGOING MAINTENANCE

The Incorporated Village of Garden City Bill Payment Center will be unavailable due to system maintenance beginning Wednesday, October 25 through Friday, October 27. Village tax and water payments can be mailed to Village Hall at the following address:

Inc. Village of Garden City Finance Department
351 Stewart Avenue
Garden City, NY 11530

In addition, payments can be made in person Monday to Friday during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or dropped in the secure letter box by the Village Hall Front Door at any time. If paying by cash, exact payment is required. We are sorry for this inconvenience, and thank you for your cooperation.

RECYCLING STICKERS

The EAB's Recycling Education Campaign offers new Village Recycling Stickers which are available at Village Hall. The new stickers are for the inside rim of residents' recycling bins and serve as an important reminder of what goes in the green recycling bins. Improving how residents sort recycling and making sure only the correct items go into the green bin is critical to the success of our recycling program.

SEPTEMBER POLICE ACTIVITY

Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson shared the Department's activity during the month of September:

- 1,614 Service Calls
- 54 Case investigations
- 15 Arrests
- 9 Vehicle impounds
- 111 Medical service calls
- 77 Auto accidents
- 2,074 Parking tickets
- 1,088 Traffic tickets
- 4 Appearance tickets

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28:** 4:30 p.m. Halloween Spook-tacular at Cluett Hall. Call 465-4075 to make a

reservation.

- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 30:** 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *Devil in a Blue Dress* at the Library
- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 30:** 6:45 p.m. Beginner Yoga at the Senior Center. Registration required.
- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 30:** 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball at the Fieldhouse for residents who have graduated high school. Call the Recreation Office at 465-4075 for more info.
- **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1:** 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting at Village Hall
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2:** 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2** 7:30 p.m. Adult Volleyball at the Fieldhouse for residents who have graduated high school. Call the Recreation Office at 465-4075 for more info.
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3:** 9:30 a.m. Morning Pickleball at St. Paul's. Visit Recreation Office at 108 Rockaway Avenue for more info.