

November 1, 2023

The Board of Trustees is looking forward to sharing more information with you on our plans to move toward a decision on the St. Paul's Main Building, knowing the community support for efforts to preserve part or all of the building. As soon as we have details to share, you will hear them! In the meantime, I would like to share information on the outstanding efforts of Trustees Michael Sullivan, Larry Marciano, Ed Finneran, and Chairman Charlie Kelly of the Traffic Commission.

The Village's Traffic Commission is made up of these four trustees, Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson and Public Works Superintendent John Borroni. They formally meet every other month to address traffic issues that have been placed on the agenda, with the next meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 16th. All residents are welcome to attend. Residents should reach out directly to the Traffic Commission with their traffic concerns so the item can be added to the agenda. Topics on the Traffic Commission agenda include requests to Nassau County DPW on concerns relating to county roads, traffic calming requests, requests for stop signs, and other signage requests.

Many of you may have followed the village-wide traffic calming study undertaken which provided recommendations that are now being implemented across the Village. The new crosswalk project on Seventh Street which was recommended as part of the traffic calming study will provide our community with a significantly improved pedestrian crossing for residents of all ages as the bump outs and raised cross walk will improve visibility. Speed humps are now permanently installed on Fourth Street and are being tried out temporarily on other streets in the Village, and dramatic speed reduction has been documented.

The Traffic Commission has recently established detailed protocols for requesting traffic calming devices, such as speed humps, or traffic control devices, such as stop signs which are available on the Village website.

The work being done around the Village to address pedestrian safety and traffic concerns is more than I can cover in today's column, so please follow future columns for more details and thank you for all the great work by our Traffic Commission!

FINAL PUBLIC OPINION POLL RESULTS

The final results of the St. Paul's Public Opinion Poll are below. The only difference between these totals and the totals given the night of voting is an additional 17 (split 12/5) that were affidavit votes approved by the Board of Elections after the poll.

Proposal 1: Partial or Full Preservation

In-Person – 2,439

Affidavit – 12

Absentee – 196

TOTAL 2,647

Proposal 2: Demolition

In-person – 1,532

Affidavit – 5

Absentee – 181

TOTAL 1,709

RECYCLING STICKERS

Knowing the details of your Village's Recycling Program is critical to its success. Free Recycling Guide stickers remind you of the only items that can go in the green bin. The stickers are available at GC Village Hall and the GC Public Library. The stickers may be placed on the inside of your recycling container.

VETERANS DAY

William Bradford Turner American Legion Post 265 will conduct a ceremony on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, commencing at 10:45 a.m. in the area surrounding the Veterans Memorial at the Library on Seventh Street. The American Legion Auxiliary will distribute poppies in the area surrounding the Memorial one hour before and one hour after the service that will be held at that location.

RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS WATER SERVICE LINE IDENTIFICATION SURVEY

As a reminder, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring the Village Water Department to create an inventory of all water service line materials within the Village by October 2024. In order to more accurately review customer-side information, the Village is asking for residents/businesses to fill out a quick survey regarding the material of the water service line that is viewable by your incoming water service. Please access the survey by clicking on the following link: <https://arcg.is/PnDCn>. Please complete this survey at your earliest convenience. Your participation will help the Village save resources in not having to review additional historical documentation as part of the lead service line identification program.

FREE LEAD TESTNG

Does your home have a lead water service line? Is there lead in your drinking water? Call 516-465-4017 and leave a message or email gardencitysampling@h2m.com and a representative from H2M will contact you to deliver a free water sampling kit. This program is open to all residential homeowners who are provided water by the Village of Garden City.

LEAF COLLECTION SCEDULE FALL 2023

Fall leaf collection will begin on Monday, November 6, in the Western Section and will run into the month of December. Please note that the exact date will be announced closer to the end of the leaf collection season. After that, leaves should be bagged and placed out on your Rubbish Day or brought down to the Village Dump Area. Please check the Village website for the location of the crews. The schedule may vary depending on weather conditions. Note, the Central Section, Village Parks and grass areas are collected by the Parks and Recreation Department.

- ✓ ONLY leaves are picked up during leaf collection.
- ✓ Grass, branches, plants and dirt will NOT be collected. If any of these items are mixed in with the leaves, the pile will not be picked up. Anything other than leaves can clog and damage the machinery slowing down the leaf collection schedule.
- ✓ Please inform your landscaper so they follow these instructions.
- ✓ NO leaves are to be placed in plastic bags.
- ✓ Please try not to park on piles of leaves. Workers will do their best to have vehicles moved if leaves are underneath them.