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Knowing the challenges that face the Board of Trustees in reaching our stated goal, *a plan for the St. Paul's Main Building that preserves part or all of the building, has wide community support, and can be executed*, I have spent time over the last few weekends along with the deputy mayors, Bruce Chester and Larry Marciano, and Trustees Mike Sullivan and Michele Harrington meeting with residents to hear input as we formulate a plan to achieve that goal for the community. Hearing from residents passionate about saving part or all of the building has helped us as we focus on the best process for this project. We have heard from residents about the importance of a thorough needs assessment, how market research can help guide a project of this scope, the importance of being open minded, and suggestions to foster creative architectural ideas. If you think you may have ideas we have not heard that would help us in reaching our stated goal, please email me at mcarterflanagan@gardencityny.net so we can schedule a meeting. Your input is valuable as we formulate our plan to approach this challenge.

If you attended the last Board of Trustee Meeting or watched it online, you heard me emphasize how important it is that we work collaboratively to be successful, and not only on the Board of Trustees, but also in the community. Our only chance to succeed is if we set aside personal and perhaps strongly held views about what the best solution is for St. Paul's and work together.

RED LIGHT CAMERAS

The Village supports the County's installation of red-light cameras on County roads within the Village even if the Village does not share in the revenue generated and the tickets issued on the basis of the cameras are enforced in Nassau County Parking and Traffic Violations Bureau. The Village has asked the State Senate to pass legislation authorizing additional red light cameras to be installed by Nassau County so that intersections within the Village might receive some. Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson noted the Village has several locations that could benefit from these cameras.

SMOKE/VAPE SHOP

Parties to the lease agreement for a vape shop at the corner of Franklin Avenue and 7th Street have verbally agreed to terminate the lease. We expect this to be finalized shortly. Residents addressed serious concerns with the Mayor, Board of Trustees, and Village Staff. Response to an online petition on change.org was resounding, garnering nearly 1,000 signatures in two days. Your voices have been heard. We are quite fortunate the landlord let the tenant exit the lease as all parties agreed this was not the right fit for our Village. I thank Garden City Chamber of Commerce President John Wilton whose efforts were critical in facilitating a resolution.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS UPDATE

In October Ettore Botti of Botti Studios spent the afternoon reviewing each of the eight Chapel nave stained-glass windows, the three Sanctuary windows and the skylight on the floor above the former worship space from the interior. This included a review of the exterior and interior of the frames, the protective glazing system and the stained-glass itself. The nave and sanctuary windows have areas that run the gamut of conditions within a window which is composed of sections in various states from structural failure to stable. Mr. Botti confirmed, as had two other stained-glass companies who have visited the Chapel, that these stained-glass windows and the skylight must be removed and restored in a studio setting in a horizontal position for work to be performed properly.

Due to their current state of condition structurally, and the overall characteristics of the St. Paul's Building, including it not being heated, coupled with the fact that the majority of the stained-glass is there and restorable, it is the strong recommendation by Botti Studio that the stained-glass, metal casements, skylight

stained-glass, metal skylight frame be documented in place, removed, crated and stored until final usage is determined thereby avoiding irrevocable damage or total loss due to the conditions in which they now exist.

At the November 16 Board of Trustees meeting, Trustees engaged the services of Botti Studio of Architectural Arts, Inc. for the documentation, removal, crating, delivery and storage of eight nave stained glass windows, three sanctuary stained glass windows and one skylight at a cost of \$99,500. The process could take approximately six to eight weeks and Mr. Botti could begin between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

WATER FOUNTAIN

As you pass by the northwest corner of Franklin and Stewart Avenues you will notice that this corner is once again adorned with a new water fountain that welcomes you. The new fountain is a complete replacement, including the electric, plumbing, basin and, of course, the fountain itself. The fountain has been winterized for the cold weather months, but it will return this spring to become part of our daily Village life. Many thanks to the Parks and DPW Departments for the selection and planning of this project that Village residents will enjoy for many years to come.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

I want to wish all our Village staff and residents a Happy Thanksgiving! A special Thanksgiving wish to the many residents who volunteer their time and expertise to make Garden City a great place to live.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *Gunga Din* at the Library.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 6:30 p.m. Architectural Design Review Board meeting at Village Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 9:30 a.m. Morning Pickleball at the Field House. Nominal fee. Call the Recreation Office at 465-4075 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 7:00 p.m. Holiday Teen Talent Night at the Library. Must register.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 7:30 p.m. Village Meet and Greet at the Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 7:30 p.m. Adult Men's Basketball at the Field House. Nominal fee. Call the Recreation Office at 465-4075 for more info.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 7:30 p.m. Adult Volleyball at the Field House. Nominal fee. Call the Recreation Office at 465-4075 for more info.