

December 13, 2023

I want to thank the Trustees who have been working closely with me since the St. Paul's Public Opinion Poll to help plan our path forward, and all the residents who have reached out with offers of help. I am excited to establish the new Mayor's Advisory Committee on St. Paul's, and these residents will be a great resource as we begin with the important steps needed to reach our goal of a project at St. Paul's that preserves part or all of the building, has wide-spread community support, and can be executed. As the Board of Trustees moves forward, we will be involving more resident volunteers, and the process will depend on everyone staying engaged on this issue.

Our first order of business, together with village staff, is to research and find the company that is best equipped to help us most accurately develop a master plan for the St. Paul's Campus that will engage the entire community, meet identified needs, and gain community support. Simultaneously, we will be exploring other community and recreation facilities and sharing with residents what such facilities could mean to our village. I recognize that no project can be executed without community support and understand how critical it is that we use data to drive this process to a successful end.

We have engaged a renowned stained glass expert to remove and safely store the stained glass windows. This was an important step to preserve the windows and avoid further deterioration. We have also restarted the process of addressing abatement by issuing a request for proposals for an environmental survey. Abatement must be done regardless of the St. Paul's Project we eventually decide upon.

As we approach resolving St. Paul's in this new and methodical manner, your Board of Trustees looks forward to managing this process to get the best recommendations for the community with continued support and engagement from residents.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Wreaths Across America is this Saturday, December 16th. The ceremony will take place from 11:00-11:15 a.m. at the 7th Street Memorial. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will lay wreaths at each memorial.

DEPUTY VILLAGE TREASURER

The Incorporated Village of Garden City is currently seeking an experienced and motivated professional to serve full-time as the Deputy Village Treasurer. The successful candidate will have a thorough knowledge of government accounting principles and practices. Employment offers competitive compensation commensurate with experience, and an excellent benefits package. Candidates interested in this position must email their resume to Irene Woo, Village Treasurer at iwoo@gardencityny.net.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RESCHEDULED

The Regular and Organization Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Garden City Public Library has been rescheduled to Monday, December 18, 2023. The meeting will take place in the large meeting room on the lower level. Further details about the meeting will be posted when available on the Library's website www.gardencitypl.org.

SPECIAL TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

There will be a special Traffic Commission meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Garden City Public Library. Residents are encouraged to review the traffic studies the Village is undertaking:

[Stewart Ave Road Diet Study Concept Plan](#)
[FINAL Stewart Ave Road Diet Study Report](#)

[FINAL Stewart Ave Road Diet Study Appendices](#)

[Policy and Protocol for Traffic Calming Devices\(PDF\)](#)

[Policy and Protocol for Traffic Control Devices \(PDF\)](#)

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Deputy Mayor Bruce Chester and I attended the wreath laying ceremony at the Merillon station December 7 to remember the victims in this tragedy 30 years ago and their families. The heroism of three Village residents who were passengers on the train and tackled the gunman, saving lives, was recognized, as were the efforts of law enforcement. Commissioner Jackson and Garden City Police were also in attendance. They were the first to respond to the tragedy 30 years ago.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *White Christmas* at the Library

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees meeting at the Library

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 9:30 a.m. Morning Pickleball at the Field House. Nominal fee. Call the Recreation Office at 465-4075 for more info.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 1:00 p.m. Lecture: White Christmas with John Kenrick at the Library

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 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, DECEMBER 21 7:30 p.m. Adult Volleyball at the Field House. Nominal fee. Call the Recreation Office at 465-4075 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 1:00 p.m. Movie Day at Cluett Hall: *Mickey's Christmas Carol, Prep and Landing* and *Merry Madagascar*. Free admission.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 12:00 p.m. New Year's Eve party for kids at Cluett Hall. Please sign up ahead of time by calling the Rec Office at 516 465-4075.