

January 10, 2024

We have some exciting news to share this week about St. Paul's! The resident turnout for the October 2023 Public Opinion Poll illustrated that residents are ready for progress at St. Paul's after three decades of inaction and divisiveness, and having witnessed the declining condition of the building. The removal of the stained glass windows so they can be preserved and stored for future restoration is an exciting first step forward.

Early Monday morning trucks arrived at St. Paul's bringing Botti Studio of Architectural Arts, a nationally recognized company headquartered in Evanston, Illinois. Botti Studios has been in continuous operation in the United States for 145 years, but the family business traces back to the 1600s when Botti Studio was established in Agropoli, and the 1700s when Panzironi Studio was established in Florence. The family businesses merged with the marriage of Ettore Christopher Botti's parents, and specializes in the design, restoration, conservation, and fabrication of leaded stained glass and Dalle de Verre glass.

How lucky we are to have Ettore Christopher Botti in our Village working on this important project! One of Botti Studio's recent projects was the re-creation of a 10 ton, five level lay light ceiling in the Palm Court Room of the Plaza Hotel in New York City. Other projects include work at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph's in Brooklyn, and Art Institute of Chicago, Tiffany Dome.

The protection and storage of the St. Paul's Chapel stained glass windows to preserve the value of these Village assets is a priority for your Board of Trustees. All residents have seen the consequences of inaction at St. Paul's, but no place was this more evident than with the stained glass windows. I would like to thank the Board of Trustees, the Village staff, and the Advisory Committee Members for their support on this important project.

2023 PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC REPORT

According to the Garden City Police Department, officers issued a total of 11,901 traffic tickets in 2023. Of that total, 2,079 were issued for speed violations. Total tickets were up 6 percent year to year, according to Commissioner Kenneth Jackson.

SAFETY TIPS, RULES & REGULATIONS DURING A SNOW STORM - HELP US HELP YOU

Looking ahead to the possibility of future snowstorms, the following suggestions are offered in an effort to reduce inconvenience to residents and to assist the Village in serving your needs:

- ✓ If possible, excessive shoveling of your driveway apron can be avoided by waiting until the plow operation is complete.
- ✓ Please be considerate of how and where snow is piled when shoveling or using a snow blower. Always shovel snow or aim a snow blower chute back onto your property. Please DO NOT blow or shovel snow from driveways or sidewalks into the street. It is a hazard to all vehicles.
- ✓ When you hear that a storm is expected, move your car off the street into your driveway. This will speed up the plowing operation and make the streets safer for travel.
- ✓ Park your car, or cars, as close to the end of the driveway as is safely possible (not over the sidewalk or driveway apron). This eliminates the need for shoveling the entire driveway to free your car when the storm has ended and the roads are safe to travel.
- ✓ When snow removal equipment is at work with lights flashing, stay clear. This equipment moves slowly.
- ✓ If you are unable to shovel snow or are going to be away, make arrangements to have the snow cleared from your sidewalk. Please remember that you are responsible to shovel your sidewalks

within 24 hours after the storm. This will be enforced by the Police Department. This is also applicable to the business community.

✓ Please clear snow away from all hydrants so that the Fire Department can reach them without delay. Also, make sure that the snow is not blocking the address number to your house.

✓ Be aware that snow shoveling is a strenuous activity made worse by extremely cold temperatures. Stay hydrated. Older residents and those in ill health should not shovel. Prior to a snow storm, make arrangements with someone to shovel for you.

SANITATION COLLECTION DURING A SNOW EVENT

To facilitate safe garbage collections, a clear path should be made from the sidewalk to where the garbage is kept. If this is not possible, it is suggested that the garbage be carried to the curb for pickup and returned promptly after the collection is completed.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY NESTS

Although we're moving into the coldest part of Winter, trees are always on our mind! For now is the time to be proactive against the spotted lanternfly! Since they are now dormant, it's a perfect time to inspect your trees for the lantern fly nests. As pictured below, these nests look like little mud packs on your tree trunks. If you see signs of these nests on your trees and shrubs, we urge you to scrape them off and destroy them. Scraping and destroying egg masses this winter will help decrease the number of spotted lanternfly that hatch next spring. In addition to trees and shrubs, spotted lanternfly also lay egg masses on other smooth surfaces outside, including campers, grills, boats, and sheds. An egg mass will be tan or brown and have the consistency of mud. If you find an egg mass, scrape it off with a credit card, place it in a Ziploc bag, and add rubbing alcohol to the bag to destroy the eggs. Each egg mass can contain up to 60 eggs, so egg mass scraping can effectively manage spotted lanternfly on your property!

ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

Registration for the winter session of the Adult Tennis Lesson program is ongoing. Ten-week sessions will begin the week of January 22nd. You must be a resident to register. Program fee is \$290 per class. Lessons in all ability levels are offered, so in order to create sessions geared to the tennis levels of those participating, we are asking any adult interested in the adult lessons to fill out the form on the Recreation website, www.gardencityrecreation.org. Classes are formed by grouping people of similar abilities together according to the dates that they are available. Registration forms must be returned to the Recreation Office on Rockaway Avenue by Friday, January 12th.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 9:30 a.m. Pickleball at the Field House. Nominal fee.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 2:45 p.m. Family Fun Time at the Field House

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinee: *Blackberry* at the Library

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 7:00 p.m. Program with professional organizers Marie Limpert and Annmarie Brogan at the Library

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 2:30 p.m. Line or Chair Dancing with Felicia at the Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at Village Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 1:15 p.m. Chi Kung with Andrew at the Senior Center. Nominal fee.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 6:30 p.m. Traffic Commission Meeting at Village Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom