

January 17, 2024

The Mayor's Advisory Committee on St. Paul's has been working at a fast pace and will be providing regular updates at the BOT meetings and on the St. Paul's page of the Village website. A highlight this week was the interview with the renowned artisan who removed the historic stained glass windows from the St. Paul's Chapel. All residents can watch the interview on our website.

It will be different this time, and our talented volunteer residents on the committee bring this experience and guiding principles that I believe are critical to success:

- A commitment to keep the residents of our Village and the Board of Trustees informed as we move towards a decision on St. Paul's.
- An ability to be open minded in finding a solution for our Village working collaboratively and bringing to the committee different perspectives.
- A deep understanding of our community and the strongly held and diverse views of residents on the future of the St. Paul's Main Building.
- Experience overseeing data driven projects and an understanding that data is essential to finding a project with the community support needed to be executed.
- Recognition that a project of this magnitude must be driven by uses.
- Experience communicating successfully on complex and polarizing issues.

The stained glass windows have been successfully removed for preservation and future restoration, the request for proposals on assessing harmful substances for safe removal from St. Paul's is published and companies are responding, and our hard working volunteer committee has begun the research on community centers with field visits and has been extensively researching and gathering information from companies with experience on developing master plans. The diverse skill set and collaborative approach of the advisory committee fills me with optimism that we can bring residents to a decision after three decades.

### **KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR**

I'd like to share a reminder from the Garden City Fire Department regarding the importance of keeping fire hydrants clear during the winter months: Many hydrants near homes and businesses get buried under a snow pile in winter months. Clearing a three-foot area around the hydrant in your yard or your neighbor's yard could be life saving. The few minutes it takes to do this could truly make the difference between life and death. Please join the Garden City Volunteer Firefighters in encouraging your friends and neighbors to "adopt a fire hydrant" near their home. There are about 1000 fire hydrants in Garden City!

### **SCHOOL ZONE CROSSWALKS**

Trustees have directed Public Works personnel to finalize proposals to implement recommendations made in Creighton Manning's satellite study, including bump outs and crosswalks in the school zones of Stratford and Homestead Schools. The goal is to make student crossings safer. These recommendations are analogous to what the Traffic Commission recently implemented on 7th Street. Once the proposals are defined, the Village can put out a Request For Proposals (RFP).

### **LIBRARY GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS**

The Board has created a new capital project to make various improvements to the Library's grounds. Village administration offered recommendations to address various concerns, including security concerns, following a meeting with Library personnel. The Village has allocated \$50,000 for this project.

### **HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21** 9:30 a.m. Pickleball at the Field House. Nominal fee.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21** 2:45 p.m. Family Fun Time at the Field House

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22** 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinee: *A Haunting in Venice* at the Library

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23** 6:30 p.m. Architectural Design Review Board Meeting at Village Hall