

January 24, 2024

It is wonderful to see the progress being made on St. Paul's, and I am grateful to the talented residents who have taken on the important advisory role of serving on the committee. When residents ask about what is next, I like to be clear that reaching the goal of identifying a project that preserves part or all of the building, has widespread community support, and can be executed is a tremendous challenge.

Residents should all understand that even if a bond referendum is not legally required, it will certainly be advisable for the type of expenditure that would be needed for a project at St. Paul's. That means that no project, however brilliant it may be, will be executed without community support.

Knowing this, it is my job to find a solution that the community supports, and I have chosen a committee with the experience needed to provide guidance to accomplish this. They are being asked to help by advising the BOT on the approach and process most likely to be successful. You will find in this group brilliant problem solvers and experienced communicators. They will share their expertise and experience to help us identify the optimal process to reach our goal, and I recognize that this process must be driven by data.

It will be different this time!

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.

TRUCK TRAFFIC

At the request of the Traffic Commission, the Village is seeking proposals for professional engineering services, through an RFP process, to evaluate the feasibility of implementing truck restrictions within Garden City, specifically the feasibility of closing some north/south routes to truck traffic, measuring current truck volumes on the four north/south, south routes, Clinton Road, Washington Avenue, Franklin Avenue and Nassau Boulevard, as well as the Eleventh Street/Cherry Valley route. The object of the study is to identify the issues that closing might address, the current issues we face and the unintended consequences of such closures. Evaluating the five routes individually, the objective would be to divert truck traffic from residential roads where permissible. We have begun evening closures on Clinton Road and Washington Avenue, and want to obtain objective engineering information to further evaluate it.

BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

The Board of Trustees will conduct work sessions to review the Tentative 2024-25 Operating and Capital Budgets in person in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom beginning March 14, 2024, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Here is the full schedule:

- Work Session I – Thursday, March 14, 2024
- Work Session II – Wednesday, March 20, 2024
- Work Session III - Thursday, March 28, 2024

ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

Registration for winter adult tennis lessons has begun. We are accepting interest forms at the Recreation Office at 108 Rockaway Ave. Applications can be found on the Recreation website, Gardencityrecreation.org.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 9:30 a.m. Pickleball at the Field House. Nominal fee.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 2:45 p.m. Family Fun Time at the Field House

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinee: *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* at the Library

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 4:00 p.m. Chess Wizards Winter at the St. Paul's Center on Rockaway Avenue.

This program is an 8-week session. To register, visit www.chesswizards.com.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 6:00 p.m. VolunTeen Artists program at the Library. Registration required.