

February 7, 2024

This week's St. Paul's ad showcases yet another facet of the work of the Mayor's Advisory Committee, whose goal is to help define a project at St. Paul's that preserves part or all of the building, has widespread community support, and can be executed. Longtime resident and committee member Bill Kavan is leading the outreach to actively engage stakeholders in Garden City. We want to help make sure all voices are represented on the path to reaching our goal. Every citizen is a stakeholder in Garden City and our hope is that the groups he is reaching out to will help us achieve full participation of our community when we engage professionals to understand resident needs. If you have contact information for groups you would like us to connect with, please email stpaulssuggesteduses@gardencityny.net. I sense excitement from residents as they hear more about our different approach, and I hope many who may have given up on ever building consensus around the St. Paul's Main Building are seeing the possibility of success.

The committee is continuing the research on community centers in the tri-state area, which was highlighted in last week's ad, with trips planned to Greenwich CT, Glen Cove, and Spring Lake NJ. We look forward to sharing an overview with the Board of Trustees and residents when this is completed, and would like residents to understand that the purpose of this research is not to make a decision for the residents, but to help learn ourselves and educate residents about how community centers can serve residents, what impact they have on communities, and the associated costs. Like the outreach to community groups, this is preparing for the consultant who will engage the community and gather the data.

Concurrent with the work we are doing gathering information from community stakeholders and visiting successful community centers is the effort to make a clear presentation to the Board of Trustees about a process for hiring a consultant to guide the Village to the best solution for St. Paul's. We are presently clarifying the scope of work to determine what qualifications are necessary so we can help to identify the best possible company to lead us forward.

RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS WATER SERVICE LINE IDENTIFICATION SURVEY

The Environmental Protection Agency is requiring the Village Water Dept. to create an inventory of all water service line materials within the Village by October 2024. The Village is asking residents and businesses to fill out a quick survey. You can access the form from your cell phone/tablet by entering the following URL link in a web browser: <https://arcg.is/PnDCn>. We recommend that you use your cell phone or tablet as you will be asked to take a photo of your water service line. The form provides information on where to identify your material as well as material type information. Your participation will help the Village save resources in not having to review additional historical documentation as part of the lead service line identification program. The Village has waived all permit fees within the DPW and Building Departments related to water service line replacement until May 2024. Residents who have lead service lines are encouraged to take advantage of this and have their lead service lines replaced.

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2. Want to receive emails? Enter your email address and select Save.
3. Want to receive text messages? Enter your phone number and select Save.

To subscribe or unsubscribe click Email icon and/or SMS icon next to the lists to which you wish to subscribe/unsubscribe.

SANITATION COLLECTION - PRESIDENTS' WEEK

Residents are reminded that there will be no garbage pickup on Monday, February 19, 2024, though recycling

will have a normal weekly collection. The Holiday Week Collection Schedule will be as follows:

GARBAGE

- Western Half of Village (West of Rockaway Avenue): Tuesday and Thursday
- Eastern Half of Village (East of Rockaway Avenue): Wednesday and Friday

RUBBISH

- Rescheduled to Wednesday, February 28th

RECYCLING

- Normal Weekly Collection - Residents scheduled for recycling on Monday, February 19th are asked to put their recyclables out on Monday, February 19th.

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY

New York Blood Services will be holding a blood drive at the Garden City Public Library on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting room on the lower level of the Library. Area hospitals are in need of local residents' help. Each donation can help to save up to three lives. All donors will receive a voucher for a \$10 Gift Card of their choice (electronically fulfilled). Appointments are strongly preferred, walk-ins are welcomed only if capacity permits. Click on this link (https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/312155) or call 1-800-688-0900 to schedule an appointment or for any medical questions concerning blood donations or visit the Garden City Public Library website at www.gardencitypl.org. Thank you for your donation and support during this critical time.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 9:30 a.m. Pickleball at the Field House. Nominal fee.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 2:45 p.m. Family Fun Time at the Field House

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *When Harry Met Sally* at the Library

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees Meeting at the Library

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 10:00 a.m. Adult Valentine's Day BINGO at the Library. Must register.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 10:30 a.m. Crafts For 3- and 4-Year-Olds at the Library. Must register.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 9:00 a.m. Spring Pastel Class at Cluett Hall. Must register.