

March 13, 2024

I have two exciting announcements as we move towards our goal for a St. Paul's project that preserves part or all of the building, has widespread community support and can be executed!

1 – Your Board of Trustees voted last week, unanimously, to engage Brandstetter Carroll Inc. for a Garden City Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment and St. Paul's Use Plan. This is an important step towards identifying a project that would have wide spread community support. Residents will be hearing more in the upcoming weeks about how important it is that our whole community is engaged during this process. Brandstetter Carroll will objectively and transparently assess what our community needs and wants, its level of attachment to preservation of some or all aspects of the building, and its willingness to pay for these. Thank you to the advisory committee members and trustees who spent many hours to help get us to this important step forward. The enthusiastic comments at the BOT meeting by two trustees who were members of the prior Mayor's St. Paul's Committee and their involvement in the selection process demonstrate that this effort is non-partisan and collaborative.

2 - The Mayor's Advisory Committee has been busy visiting successful community centers in the tri-state area to better understand how these centers operate, how they are funded, and how they serve residents. Since St. Paul's has a parkland designation, a successful project that saves part or all of the building would likely have a community center aspect to it. On Saturday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m., the Advisory Committee will present their research at the Garden City Library. If you can't make it, the same session will be held on the following Saturday, March 23. The purpose for sharing this information is to give residents food for thought as we all prepare for the surveys and engagement that the Brandstetter Carroll team will be conducting with the community to best understand what residents of Garden City want for St. Paul's.

I look forward to seeing many residents Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and at the future St. Paul's meetings and presentations. Our webpage (<https://www.gardencityny.net/291/Path-to-a-St-Pauls-Master-Plan-in-2024>) dedicated to sharing information on the path to a St. Paul's Master Plan is a great place to visit to hear the latest updates.

2024 VILLAGE ELECTION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The General Village Election for 2024 will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. The polls will be open from 12 Noon to 9:00 p.m. in the evening and will be held at the St. Paul's Field House. The names of all those who are running for Village office is as follows:

For A Better Garden City Party

Trustee

Two-Year Term

Charles P. Kelly

Trustee

Two-Year Term

Richard A. Williams

Trustee

Two-Year Term

Michael J. Sullivan

Trustee

Two-Year Term
Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr.

Community Agreement Party

Trustee
Two-Year Term
Vinny Muldoon

Trustee
Two-Year Term
Judy Courtney

Trustee
Two-Year Term
Jessica Tai

Trustee
Two-Year Term
Bruce A. Torino

Common Ground

Trustee
Two-Year Term
Larry Nedelka

EARLY VOTING

It's never been easier to vote in the Village Election scheduled for March 19, 2024. Absentee ballot applications and early mail ballot applications are both available online on the Village website under the Business/Clerk's office. Applications are also available in the lobby of Village Hall. Whether you are submitting an absentee or early mail application, if you are requesting your ballot by mail, the application had to be received by March 12. If you are requesting to pick up your ballot in person at Village Hall, we must have the application by March 18. ALL absentee or early mail ballots must be received by the close of polls, 9:00 p.m., on the day of the election, March 19, to be counted. Ballots received after this day/time will not be counted.

POTHOLE REPAIRS

The Village's Highway Department crews work to repair potholes on 78 miles of roadway throughout the Village all year long. December through April are considered the peak pothole season, where the Village observes the highest number of potholes. Mobile crews are working to fill potholes Village wide and will respond to calls from residents for specific concerns as soon as possible. If a resident would like to report a pothole, please call the DPW dispatcher at 516-465-4031/32 or by clicking the following link to fill out an electronic form: <https://www.gardencityny.net/290/Request-for-Service>. As a reminder, not all roads within the Village are maintained by the Village. For example, Nassau Boulevard and portions of Stewart Avenue are Nassau County-owned. We cannot fix those streets however, if a report is received, the Village will forward this report to the County and will ask the County make repairs in a timely fashion.

WATER LINE SURVEY

To date, the Village has received approximately 500 responses to its water service line survey. The Environmental Protection Agency is requiring the Village Water Department 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 the quick survey. You can access the form by following this link: <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.

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 remaining schedule:

Wednesday, March 20th, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

- Fire
- Police
- Administration
- Finance
- Other Unallocated Expenses & Revenues

Thursday, March 28th, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

- Library
- Recreation, Pool & Tennis
- Summary of Changes

FEBRUARY FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

Chief Matthew Pearn reported that during February the Department responded to 160 total calls, including:

- 81 "Signal 8" calls or non-emergency automatic alarms, 54 of which were false or unintentional automatic alarms
- 30 general alarms, including two working fires
- 1 extrication
- 4 mutual aid calls to assist neighboring Fire Departments

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

- **SUNDAY, MARCH 17** 9:30 a.m. Pickleball at the Field House. Nominal fee.
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 17** 2:45 p.m. Family Fun at the Field House
- **MONDAY, MARCH 18** 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinee: *Brooklyn* at the Library
- **MONDAY, MARCH 18** 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees meeting at the Library
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 19** 11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga with Maggie at the Senior Center
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 19** 12:00 - 9:00 p.m. Village Election at the St. Paul's Fieldhouse
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 19** 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at Village Hall
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20** 10:00 a.m. Exercise with Felicia at the Senior Center
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20** 7:30 p.m. Budget Work Session II at Village Hall and via Zoom

- **THURSDAY, MARCH 21** 6:30 p.m. Traffic Commission Meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom
- **THURSDAY, MARCH 21** 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 30** 10:00 a.m. Annual Egg Hunt on the St. Paul's fields. For further info, call the Recreation Dept. at 516-465-4075.