

March 27, 2024

Many residents had an opportunity to meet members of the St. Paul's Committee at the GC Library the last two Saturdays as they shared their Community Center research. This work was done to help prepare residents for the upcoming engagement with Brandstetter Carroll, the firm that has been hired to help gather data from GC residents about 1) recreation needs 2) parts of the building residents treasure most, and 3) willingness to fund.

The information shared by the committee is especially valuable to residents like myself who grew up without a community center and are not fully familiar with how these centers serve residents or the economics of community centers.

Why all this talk about community centers? Because of the parkland designation, any Village project at St. Paul's will likely have a community center component to it. The more educated we are on community centers, the better we will be able to participate in the upcoming engagement. I hope residents are excited about this new approach and appreciate that it's different this time!

#### **BUDGET HEARING**

The Board of Trustees will hold a budget hearing on the proposed 2024-25 Operating and Capital Budgets on Monday evening, April 1, 2024 during the annual Organizational meeting in person at Village Hall and via Zoom beginning at 7:30 p.m. To view the Tentative Budget as well as the work session presentations, visit the Village website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net) and click on "Departments" and then "Finance."

#### **EDGEMERE FIREHOUSE**

Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello met with the fire chiefs, architects and engineers on March 8 to discuss the progress of the Edgemere Firehouse design layout. The Village staff engineering team went out last week and performed a full site survey of the property, which can now be used for the proposed site design drawing. The design team will continue the design process and provide the Village with a set of design drawings, specifications and a cost estimate for the construction work.

#### **WASTE COLLECTION TIPS FOR WINDY DAYS**

Weather conditions can cause issues with collection of rubbish and recyclables. Containers frequently fall over, leading to spillage and materials being strewn throughout the streets. Winds as little as 35 mph can cause bins to tip over and blow debris onto streets or sidewalks. To help prevent these situations, consider the following suggestions:

- If your Recycling pail is less than half full, wait until your next scheduled pick up to put out your pail. This will prevent loose recyclables from being blown onto the streets.
- Did you know that your sanitation team starts collecting at 7:00 AM? If strong winds are in the forecast, place your rubbish and/or recycling pails at the curb just before 7:00 AM. This tip ensures that your rubbish and/or recyclable pail is not facing the elements for too long.
- Cans, bottles and containers that can be crushed should be crushed! Condensing your recyclables makes them more dense and less likely to blow away. \*Broken glass should be secured in a container or box and placed safely out with rubbish.
- Place heavier items securely on top of light-weight items. This is the safest way to ensure

your light-weight recyclables stay inside the pail.

- Once your bins have been emptied, bring them in to reduce the chances of them being blown over and creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians and drivers.

## **FEBRUARY POLICE ACTIVITY**

Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson reports that during the month of February, the Department responded to 1,886 service calls:

- 59 case investigations
- 15 arrests
- 10 vehicle impounds
- 129 medical service calls
- 80 auto accidents
- 1,060 moving traffic tickets issued
- 2,106 parking tickets issued

## **GCFD RECRUITMENT OPEN HOUSE**

Residents are invited to attend the Garden City Fire Department's Recruitment Open House Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to learn more at GCFD Headquarters. Event highlights include:

- Apparatus Showcase: Get up close with the tools and vehicles that our firefighters use to save lives and protect properties.
- Forcible Entry Demonstrations: Watch our skilled firefighters demonstrate how they breach doors and barriers during emergencies.
- Try a Real Fire Hose: Experience the power of a real fire hose under the guidance of our seasoned firefighters.
- Turnout Gear Try-On: Feel what it's like to wear the gear that protects our firefighters in the heat of action.
- Station Tours: Take a guided tour of our fire station and see where our heroes spend their time training.

Enjoy complimentary bagels, coffee, and donuts while you learn more about volunteer firefighting. For more information, please contact [membership@gcfdnny.com](mailto:membership@gcfdnny.com), call 516-465-4142 or visit: [www.gcfdnny.com/recruitment](http://www.gcfdnny.com/recruitment).

## **HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30** 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt on the St. Paul's fields. For further info, call the Recreation Dept. at 516-465-4075.

**MONDAY, APRIL 1** 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *Easter Parade* at the Library

**MONDAY, APRIL 1** 7:30 p.m. Village Budget Hearing at Village Hall and via Zoom

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2** 4:00 p.m. Teen Advisory Board Meeting at the Library. Must register.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3** 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting at Village Hall

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4** 11:00 a.m. Crafts and Games for Adults with Developmental Disabilities at the Library. Must register.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4** 11:15 a.m. Mat Yoga at the Senior Center

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12** 11:15 a.m. Trip to the Nassau County Museum of Art and lunch at Mim's. Register at the Senior Center front desk by April 5.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10** 12:15 p.m. BINGO at the Senior Center. Call 385-8006 to register; spaces limited.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13** 10:00 a.m. GCFD Recruitment Open House at Fire Headquarters, 347 Stewart Avenue

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18** 1:00 p.m. Historian John Ellie Kordes presents "The Story of the Beach Boys" at

the Senior Center. Call 385-8006 for reservations.