

April 11, 2024

We are on the path towards a community project at St Paul's! Brandstetter Carroll spent Wednesday afternoon touring our Village recreation facilities and meeting with Paul Blake and Ralph Suozzi. A comprehensive needs assessment has begun, and soon you will all be hearing about how we'll need residents' involvement to assess the Village's parks, recreation and cultural needs and define a project at St. Paul's that would have widespread community support and can be executed. Your elected leaders will need to hear from you because the answer to a successful project is dependent on fully understanding what you the residents will support. Bill Kavan of the St Paul's committee hits this home in a short video posted on the St Paul's page of our Village website. Thank you to all the groups who met with Bill. He is sharing the contacts and input with the experts at Brandstetter Carroll so they can carry this forward for us!

### **ROAD PAVING SCHEDULE**

The Village is trying to maintain a 25-year paving program in which all Village roads will have been paved within 20 years. It is important to note that this schedule is budget driven. For each street within the Village, there are many variables that determine which roads are completed and chosen over other roads, according to Public Works Superintendent John Borroni. "It is not strictly a timing decision. Put simply, it is a function of the condition of the existing road, traffic loading, and how the road was originally constructed," he said. For each street on this road paving list, the time frame is within this year and any remaining roads will be completed in the Spring of the following calendar year (all within the same fiscal year). The following roads have been approved for paving in 2024-25:

- Garden Street - Saint James St. to Grove Street
- 10th Street - Hilton Avenue to Franklin Avenue
- Kilburn Road - Dead End to North Avenue
- Edgemere Road - Stewart Avenue to Village Line
- Kensington Road - Merillon Avenue to Main Avenue
- Brixton Road - Merillon Avenue to Main Avenue
- Main Avenue - Kensington Road to Brixton Road
- Flower Drive - East Drive to Clinton Road

### **AMERICAN LEGION LAW & ORDER AWARD**

The William Bradford Turner American Legion Post hosted its annual Law and Order Night earlier this month. The ceremony recognizes outstanding contributions to the community by members of the Fire and Police Departments. This year's recipient is Firefighter Christopher Moscatiello, who has exemplified the true spirit of service. He has sacrificed countless hours away from his loved ones, responding to emergencies at a moment's notice. Beyond his bravery, Firefighter Moscatiello's commitment to service is demonstrated with the numerous committees he serves on within the Department, including Standard Operating Guidelines, the Blood Drive Committee and The Uniform Committee, of which he is chairman. We thank Firefighter Moscatiello for his dedicated service to this community.

### **BUSINESS DISTRICT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The Village has awarded a grounds maintenance contract to BrightView Landscape Services, to care for green space in the Village, including the mall on Stewart Avenue and the park at the end of Grove Street, areas the Parks and Recreation Department used to care for approximately eight years ago. BrightView currently maintains the Garden City Hotel and Wyndham properties. The commercial landscape company replaces Con-Kel. According to Recreation Commissioner Paul Blake, the Parks & Recreation Department is taking back the Central section with a four-man crew who will be "cutting, pruning, mulching, picking up trash and

keeping the area clean five days a week.” Further, Maintenance Supervisor Tom Gordon, a long time Village resident, will be Mr. Blake’s eyes and ears when he can’t be in the field, tracking BrightView’s performance to ensure they are meeting all contract responsibilities. Trustee Vinny Muldoon, who was appointed liaison to the Business District, was happy to hear the Central district - approximately 39 acres, will be in the Village’s control once again. “Let’s really take it up a notch and make our Village beautiful again, especially in the Central section. I’m delighted you’re taking that back up,” he said.

### **WATER MAIN INSTALLATION**

The Village of Garden City is having a new water main installed on Clinton Road, from Meadow Street to Commercial Avenue. The new water main will improve the flow of water for residents and business owners, as well as reduce maintenance costs associated with the old main, which is estimated to be more than 75 years old. Work began April 8 and will continue for approximately two months. Traffic lanes on Clinton Road are reduced to one way each direction during the course of the work between Meadow Street and Commercial Avenue. The project is expected to be substantially completed by the second week of June.

### **NO EMPTY CHAIR PROGRAM**

April 15-19, the Garden City Police Department will be participating in the No Empty Chair Program sponsored by the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. This educational and enforcement campaign aims to raise awareness among teen drivers regarding the potential dangers of driving in the hope that there are no empty chairs at high school graduations or proms this year. During this initiative, Officers will be enforcing the New York State Graduated Driver Licensing Law (GDL) as well as other driving law violations such as speeding in school zones, seatbelt use, child restraint use, cell phone and texting use, passing school buses, underage drinking, and impaired driving. Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson advises that the Department’s Youth and Community Policing Officers will be visiting the High School to conduct driver safety outreach to local students during this campaign and throughout the prom and graduation season.

### **HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY**

- **SATURDAY, APRIL 13** 10:00 a.m. GCFD Recruitment Open House at Fire Headquarters
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 15** 10:00 a.m. Defensive Driving Course at the Library. Must register.
- **MONDAY, APRIL 15** 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *The Untouchables* at the Library
- **MONDAY, APRIL 15** 7:00 p.m. Special Board of Trustees Meeting - Executive Session at 108 Rockaway Avenue
- **MONDAY, APRIL 15** 7:00 p.m. Family Bingo at the Library. Must register.
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 16** 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at Village Hall
- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17** 7:00 p.m. Teen Paint Night at the Library for Grades 6-12. Must register.
- **THURSDAY, APRIL 18** 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom