

May 8, 2024

This is the best time of year in the Village, and it always occurs to me that we are aptly named Garden City. We are fortunate to live in a town where our neighbors care about their gardens, but mostly about each other and the community. As you know, one of the hallmarks of our community is the extensive and successful Recreation and Parks Department that covers all the parks and athletic programs. As part of the journey to find the right solution for St. Paul's we have hired consultants to evaluate the current recreation programs in order to develop an informed plan for St. Paul's. The logic is that if we take a hard look at what we have, we'll learn what's working, what's missing and what we could use to make our community thrive even more.

The consultants are in the process of developing a Recreation Master Plan and a plan for St. Paul's for the Village, but it's so important that they work with residents to hear thoughts and ideas. They need input from the Village to get it right and put us on a path for a project at St. Paul's that will be widely supported. The kickoff meeting is Tuesday, May 14th at the Garden City Casino. **Stop by anytime** at your convenience between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. We appreciate how busy everyone can be. It's an Open House and an interactive format, with breakout discussions for those interested.

Our recreation offerings, whether it's the Garden City Pool, our five playgrounds, the Gazebo concerts or the wide variety of athletic and arts programming for children and adults, are a big draw for Garden City and the reason why families thrive here and love the town. The importance of these offerings cannot be understated, and I hope you can come Tuesday and join the conversation!

BRANDSTETTER CARROLL KICKOFF MEETING MAY 14

Garden City is embarking on a master planning process for our Recreation and Parks Department and a Use Plan for St. Paul's. We will listen to Village residents to learn your needs and desires for recreation and cultural facilities, services, and programs, including both existing and future amenities. This approach will include recommendations for the future use of St. Paul's. Please come to our open house on Tuesday, May 14 at the Garden City Casino to share your ideas about recreation and parks in Garden City. You can come to this drop-in event at any time between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. You will be invited to participate in a series of interactive activities to share your vision and to guide the Village over the next 10 years. Your input is essential to the success of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan and the future of St. Paul's.

POOL APPLICATIONS

Garden City Recreation and Parks is thrilled for another exciting summer at the Garden City Pool! The Pool is now accepting applications at the Recreation office at 108 Rockaway Ave. Applications can be found at the Rec Office or online at www.gardencityrecreation.org. Opening Day at the Pool is Saturday, June 8.

GC BIRD SANCTUARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Garden City Bird Sanctuary, located at 182 Tanners Pond Road, needs more Volunteer Corps members. The GCBS Volunteer Corps mission is to keep the Bird Sanctuary open to the public during the weekends now to the end of September and help maintain and improve the nine-acre site. Your time can be used for community service hours and the Sanctuary offers internships for high school and college students! You only need to commit to two two-hour shifts per month. If you can donate some time on the weekends, please email GCBirdSanctuary@gmail.com.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

- **SATURDAY, MAY 11** 9:00 a.m. The Andy Foundation Yard Sale at the Field House
- **SATURDAY, MAY 11** 3:00 p.m. Teen Crafternoon at the Library. Must register.

- **MONDAY, MAY 13** 11:00 a.m. A.T. Stewart Golf Classic at Cherry Valley Club. Must register.
- **MONDAY, MAY 13** 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *Cheaper by the Dozen* at the Library
- **TUESDAY, MAY 14** 11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga with Maggie at the Senior Center
- **TUESDAY, MAY 14** 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Brandstetter Carroll Open House at the Casino
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 15** 9:30 a.m. Pickleball at the Field House. Nominal fee.
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 15** 12:15 p.m. BINGO at the Senior Center
- **FRIDAY, MAY 17** 11:45 a.m. Chair Yoga with Maggie at the Senior Center