

May 15, 2024

We continue to make progress towards finding a viable solution for St. Paul's that will have widespread community support and can be executed. I want to thank all the residents who came to the Kick-off at the Garden City Casino Tuesday night to share thoughts and ideas with the consultants who were hired in a unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees to create a Master Plan for Recreation and a plan for St. Paul's.

The consultants are making every effort to hear from community residents, no matter how diverse the opinions. We are planning to assess our recreation needs through a survey and then send out a survey specifically about St. Paul's. This will provide statistically valid information about what amenities residents want in St. Paul's, what parts of the building they value most, and how much willingness there is to pay for a reimagined St. Paul's.

The debate about the fate of St. Paul's has been brewing for more than 30 years, but we are getting closer to making a decision. The October Opinion Poll told us that 61 percent of the residents who participated are in favor of exploring ways to preserve part or all of the building. Brandstetter will provide the data to help us make informed decisions about how to identify a project at St. Paul's that preserves part or all of the building and has widespread community support. Ultimately, community support will be essential to any project, so we want to present a solution that best represents your interests. Please make sure you participate in the surveys to help us all get closer to the right solution for St. Paul's, one that is driven by the needs, interests and sentiment of you and all the residents of our Village.

TULIP DISTRIBUTION

Beginning this Friday, May 17, each Friday will be "Tulip Day" in Garden City as the Parks Department makes expired tulip bulbs available to our residents. This year, bulbs will be available for pickup each Friday, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the rear of the St. Paul's Main Building. There is a gate on Rockaway Avenue, just south of the Recreation Office driveway, which has been designated as the "Tulip Gate." Residents may drive into this gate, and pick up their tulip bulbs from the pile of bulbs located directly in front of the old garage. Gates will open at 10:00 a.m. and will remain open until 6:00 p.m. or until all of the bulbs have been picked up. Residents are advised to bring bags with them to take their tulips away, as these bulbs are still carrying some dirt on them. While these bulbs are free of charge, we respectfully ask residents to take only the bulbs they can use, and to please be mindful to leave some for others. For further information, please call the Recreation & Parks Office at (516) 465-4075.

EAB MEETING

The Environmental Advisory Board ("EAB") will meet Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall and via Zoom. Water and Sewer Superintendent Stan Carey will provide updates on the new USEPA PFAs regulations, water treatment upgrades within the Village water system, and on the grants received by the Village to date. EAB member Elizabeth Bailey will speak about water conservation. The EAB consists of active and dedicated residents, including three high school students to address environmental matters that affect the Village. The Board is co-chaired by Trustees Michele Beach Harrington and Jessica Tai. This year, the EAB calendar will include the following topics: water treatment, grants and conservation, composting and tree planting, PFAS and artificial turf, field treatments, noise, municipal yard information, lead service line update, and sustainability. Please feel free to share your feedback with us.

MEET AND GREET MAY 29

Stop by the Senior Center Wednesday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m. for an informal Meet and Greet with your elected officials. It's an opportunity to share what's on your mind and hear updates about what's going on around the Village. Please note the date change from May 22 to May 29.

YARD CLEANUP - BE GOOD TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

We reminds residents that we have ordinances in our Village code that require homeowners to maintain their homes, including the structure itself, appearance, lawn, hedges and shrubs. For example, homeowners are prohibited from allowing hedges to overflow onto sidewalks. We receive numerous complaints about this condition as it impacts fellow residents from walking on sidewalks or riding bicycles. Spring is here. Please take a hard look at your landscaping. We are all neighbors. The condition and appearance of your home and yard reflect not just on you but also on the value of your neighbors' homes. Residents not in compliance with the code will receive letters and given 10 days to correct the condition. If the condition is not corrected in the timeframe, the Village will send out a crew to do the work and then bill the homeowner.

OFFICER BRENNAN JOINS VILLAGE RANKS

Mayor Mary Carter Flanagan administered the oath of office to the newest Officer to join the Garden City Police Department's ranks, James Brennan, a former NYPD officer who hails from Deer Park. Officer Brennan graduated from Deer Park High School and Farmingdale State College. In April 2018, he joined the New York City Police Department. He was assigned to the 107 Precinct, where he completed six years of service. Last month he joined the Garden City Police Department and looks forward to furthering his career in law enforcement. "We are confident James will be an excellent addition to the force that serves the residents and visitors of the Village of Garden City," Commissioner Kenneth Jackson.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

FRIDAY, MAY 17 3:30 p.m. Teen Gamers at the Library Must register.

MONDAY, MAY 20 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *Postcards From The Edge* at the Library

MONDAY, MAY 20 4:00 p.m. Friendship Bracelets for Community Service at the Library. Must register.

MONDAY, MAY 20 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees Meeting at the Library

TUESDAY, MAY 21 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at Village Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 7:30 p.m. Environmental Advisory Board Meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom

THURSDAY, MAY 23 6:15 p.m. Traffic Commission Meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom

THURSDAY, MAY 23 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom