

June 5, 2024

As the beautiful summer weather has arrived, I continue to work closely with the Board of Trustees and the advisory committee on St. Paul's to stay on course with a process that could finally lead us to a decision for St Paul's that is backed by the majority of residents and can be executed. I was elected to represent the will of the people of this Village and I am determined to do that.

The next two weekends in Garden City are sure to be fun-filled with opening day at the Garden City Pool this Saturday, and the first annual Garden City Kick off Summer Festival on Friday evening, June 14th. The family oriented festival will feature live music, a bouncy house, bubbles, balloon twisters, fire trucks and fun giveaways, and it will also include booths highlighting the many great activities residents can enjoy in our Village over the summer months. I look forward to seeing many residents at these events!

PLEASE WATER OUR VILLAGE TREES

If you have recently had a tree planted in front of your home, please take the time to water it. The proper way to water is to first loosen the soil around the tree if it has become baked hard and then allow a hose to run at the base of the tree at a rate slow enough so that the water will be absorbed into the area around the tree trunk. If you are using a hose at the base of the tree, please do not block any Village sidewalks to avoid injury to pedestrians. If your tree can't be reached with a hose, a bucket full of water every 2-3 days will suffice. Residents are reminded that watering hours are from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered days and even-numbered addresses on even-numbered days. Thank you for your cooperation.

SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE ALERTS

Have you signed up for Village alerts? Stay in the know with an email and/or text message- it's that simple! Create a website account and then follow a few easy steps to begin receiving alerts about anything from scheduled meetings, water main breaks, upcoming Village events, street closures and more. Find out more: <https://www.gardencityny.net/list.aspx>.

BRANDSTETTER CARROLL ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Approximately 130 residents attended the May 14 Kick-Off meeting with Brandstetter Carroll, the consultants hired by the Board of Trustees to assess the Village's recreation needs as well as 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. I thank all those who attended the open house at the Casino. Brandstetter Carroll will be back in town this month to provide residents an opportunity to share their thoughts, opinions and suggestions with the team. On Friday, June 14, the BCI group will attend a Flag Day Luncheon at the Senior Center, beginning at 12 p.m. BCI will be in attendance for part of the Luncheon, and will then be available to meet with our Seniors after the Luncheon concludes. Later that evening, BCI will attend the Patriotic Kick Off to Summer Festival on Seventh Street. The following day, Saturday, June 15, BCI will visit the Garden City Pool, which will be open from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Pool Members will have the opportunity to speak to the BCI team while enjoying their afternoon at the Pool.

PLAYING FIELD CONDITIONS

Here is a summary of the current field conditions throughout the Village, as well as some projected upcoming work:

1. All baseball fields in the neighborhood parks and Stewart Field have been overhauled in the past three years. Outfield lips have been cut back, and clay infields have been leveled and re-graded. The field at Nassau Haven Park will be worked on this fall, and will be ready for use in the spring. At Community Park, Field #1,

which has an all-clay infield, will be re-graded and will have work done to alleviate the loss of clay from the field during heavy rains. The remaining fields, all of which have synthetic turf infields, will again receive three deep groomings from Land-Tek, as well as regular light grooming and replenishment of the rubber infill by Maintenance Staff. The multi-purpose field will also be groomed three times and receive regular light grooming by our Staff.

2. At Saint Paul's, the work to improve field conditions continues, with some changes and additions to the process. The area which has been closed off since last fall has been deep tined, which allows nutrients and seed to work deeper into the soil, which helps germination and growth. We continued to aerate and over-seed throughout the fall growing season. This spring, we treated the closed area with a crabgrass pre-emergent product, which was effective in limiting the germination of the crabgrass and allowing the good grass to spread out and grown more densely. Over-seeding is again being done on this area, and it has received the normal two treatments of organic fertilizer that are applied in April and May. This area will continue to be worked on, and is on schedule to be re-opened for the fall season. On the open area, over-seeding and fertilization has continued, and as a trial, we placed sod in some of the high traffic goal areas. This was successful, and helped keep those high use areas in better condition. We will be sodding additional areas in the coming weeks and months. This area continues to be over-seeded and fertilized, and once the spring sports season has concluded, we will be treating this area with a post-emergent crabgrass product, which should eliminate much of the crabgrass, and allow the good turf to spread out. For the fall, as we re-open the area which has been closed off, we will be closing off another area of the fields to work on them. In addition to the process we used on the front areas of the fields, we will be removing the small baseball field on the northwest side of the field, as it is very infrequently used, and removing it will allow us greater flexibility in moving field locations around.

PATRIOTIC KICK OFF TO SUMMER FESTIVAL

The Village will present a patriotic kick off to summer festival on Friday, June 14, Flag Day! The event, taking place on 7th Street between 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., will feature vendors who will share summer program offerings, the NY Islanders, GC Recreation, Summer Enrichment and more. Live music, a Bouncy House, bubble machines, balloon twisters and fire trucks will also entertain festival goers. Elementary Flag Day art show posters will be on display in storefronts. Stop by 7th Street to welcome summer in Garden City! (Please note bikes and scooters are prohibited at the event.)

ADDITIONAL FEMA FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT

The Village was notified by FEMA that we were approved to receive \$35,045 in additional reimbursement to cover Village management costs related to time spent in meetings with FEMA and documentation prepared and submitted by our Finance Department for Tropical Storm Isaias. Treasurer Irene Woo publicly thanks Senior Accountant Kevin Mitchell for working with FEMA since 2021 to secure this latest reimbursement. The Village has received \$1,855,675 in state and federal reimbursement funding related to the storm, which includes St. Paul's roof repairs. This represents 100 percent reimbursement of costs incurred.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 12:00 p.m. Garden City Pool opens for members

MONDAY, JUNE 10 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees Meeting at the Library

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 10:30 a.m. Senior Computer Class at the Senior Center. Register by calling 516-385-8006 or visit the Senior Center front desk.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 12:00 p.m. Flag Day Luncheon (wear red, white and blue) at the Senior Center. \$15. Sign up at the Senior Center front desk (cash only please).

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 5-9 p.m. Patriotic Kick-Off to Summer Festival on 7th Street

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 11:00 a.m. Live music with tenor Jonathan Goodman, professor from Adelphi University. Register by calling the Senior Center front desk (516) 385-8006.