

June 19, 2024

Summer has arrived in Garden City, and tonight's Patriotic Festival on 7th Street will highlight the many great programs offered in the Village during July and August. Change in seasons has not slowed the progress in our journey to find an answer for St. Paul's.

The October 23rd Opinion Poll told us that a majority of residents want us to explore ways to preserve part or all of the St. Paul's main building. As your mayor, I am determined to get to the right answer and understand that the best way to get there is to hear from you. I have been transparent about the process from the beginning and am sharing an update as we reach the point of sending a St Paul's survey to every household this summer. A draft of that survey was attached to the agenda for this week's Board of Trustees meeting for discussion.

No project can be successful without the support of the community so I am doing the best I can to make sure we not only hear from you, but that you are aware of the results of the community feedback.

We are sending out a recreational survey this week to a random sampling of households, and a shorter open recreation survey is available online. (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GCRec>). Please take the time to share your feedback on recreational or cultural opportunities in the Village.

After that, you will receive a survey specifically about St. Paul's. What parts of the building are you most attached to? If we were to create a community center that satisfies your recreational and cultural needs, how much are you willing to pay for it with your tax dollars? We need to know.

Once we gather the data from the recreation and St. Paul's surveys, we can marry the results and give you visual options that represent what you've asked for and what you are willing to pay for.

Ultimately there will be a bond referendum, and if we've done our homework, we'll know whether the bond will be successful because we will know what you want.

As I have said before, I am committed to finding a solution for St. Paul's that has community support and can be executed.

LIFEGUARDING CLASS AT THE POOL

Calling all those who love the Pool. Sign up for our lifeguarding course, beginning Monday, July 1. For \$250, students will learn the skills necessary in order to become a lifeguard. Students need to be 15 years old to take the class. Stop by the Pool office for more information. This is just the first step in your lifeguard journey. You will still need to pass the Nassau County lifeguard exam.

Course 1:

- Monday, July 1st: 6 - 9 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 2nd: 6 - 9 p.m.
- Tuesday-Friday, July 9th - 12th: 6 - 9 p.m.
- Tuesday-Friday, July 16th - 19th: 6 - 9 p.m.
- Tuesday-Friday, July 23rd - 26th: 6 - 9 p.m.

Course 2:

- Tuesday-Friday, July 30th. August 2nd: 6 - 9 p.m.
- Saturday, August 3rd: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday-Friday, August 6th - 9th: 6 - 9 p.m.
- Tuesday-Friday, August 13th - 16th: 6 - 9 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS PAUL BLAKE

Congratulations to our commissioner of Recreation and Parks, Paul Blake, on being elected president of the New York State Recreation & Park Society Executive Board in upstate Saratoga Springs, NY. The Society is comprised of over 600 New York State Recreation and Park professionals spanning from Long Island to Niagara Falls, Lake Placid to New York City. Members have access to a wide range of programs and services to improve their skills as recreation providers.

GARDEN CITY LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS DURING SUMMER

The Garden City Public Library will be closed on Sundays for the summer. The Library's regular hours from Monday through Saturday remain unchanged. Regular Sunday hours will resume after Labor Day, beginning Sunday, September 8, 2024. You can visit the Library 24/7 at www.gardencitypl.org to access online services such as electronic databases and downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, and periodicals.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 5:00-9:00 p.m. Patriotic Kick-off to Summer Festival on 7th Street

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 12:00 p.m. Easy Gardening with Grow Bags at the Library. Must register.

MONDAY, JUNE 24 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinee: *Father of the Bride* at the Library

MONDAY, JUNE 24 1:00-7:00 p.m. Blood Drive at the Library. Call 1-800-933-BLOOD to make an appointment.

MONDAY, JUNE 24 4:00 p.m. Intro To Safe Babysitting at the Library. Must register.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25 1:00 p.m. Movie: *The Out of Towners* at the Senior Center. Register by calling 516-385-8006.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25 6:30 p.m. Architectural Design Review Board meeting at Village Hall

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 10:30 a.m. Crafts for 3- and 4-Year-Olds at the Library. Must register.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 10:30 a.m. BINGO for grades K-5 at the Library. Must register.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 7:00 p.m. Meet and Greet at the Senior Center. Assemblyman Ed Ra and Nassau County Legislator John Giuffré will be the guest speakers. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 7:30 p.m. Environmental Advisory Board meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom