

June 26, 2024

I am constantly reminded how fortunate we are to live in a Village that has so many recreation options for all ages. The Garden City Pool, our unique staffed neighborhood park programs, and the Concerts at the Gazebo stand out as recreation highlights of the summer, but all year long, children and adults can participate in a wide variety of healthy recreation activities, including a lot of sports teams for children, dance programs, and social and enrichment opportunities for all ages.

When we think of what makes Garden City a special community, we have to give credit to our outstanding Recreation and Parks Department. This group is constantly thinking of better ways to serve, and we need your help as we plan for a future that builds on our tradition of prioritizing recreational and cultural offerings.

This week, 2,000 recreation surveys will be delivered to a random sampling of households within the Village. Please take the time to answer the questions, which are designed to let us know what's working, what's not working, and where you'd like to see improvements. Your participation in the survey is key to our success and will help bring us to a Recreation Master Plan for our Village.

We value your opinion, which will help guide us as we move towards the goal of a comprehensive Recreation Master Plan.

As you have likely been following, along the way to the Recreation Master Plan we will be exploring options to find the best result for the St. Paul's Main Building. Based on the October 2023 Public Opinion Poll, we know that 61 percent of residents want us to explore ways to preserve part or all of the building. Assessing recreation wants and needs is an important part of that process. We believe that the only way to develop a successful plan for St. Paul's is to really understand what people envision for the building. The first step is to assess our recreation offerings.

Thank you for spending the time to provide thoughtful responses if you are one of the 2,000 household randomly selected. If you did not receive the recreation survey, you can still provide input through the open online recreation survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GCRec>). Working together we will surely be able to keep Garden City as the outstanding community-focused Village that has attracted families for more than 100 years.

#### **FEE WAIVER FOR WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT**

The Board has waived fees for residents replacing their water service line from their home to the street, retroactive to May 6, 2024. (Please note this does not include the required deposit and any fees related to the installation of the line.) This waiver will expire on May 5, 2025. Residents who have lead service lines are encouraged to take advantage of this and have their water line replaced. Not sure if you have a lead service line? The Water Department is creating an inventory of all water service line materials within the Village by October 2024. The Village is asking residents and businesses to fill out a quick survey. You can access the form from your cell phone/tablet by entering the following URL link in a web browser: <https://arcg.is/PnDCn>. We recommend that you use your cell phone or tablet as you will be asked to take a photo of your water service line. The form provides information on where to identify your material as well as material type information. Your participation will help the Village save resources in not having to review additional historical documentation as part of the lead service line identification program.

#### **PATRIOTIC KICK-OFF TO SUMMER FESTIVAL**

The Village will present a patriotic kick off to summer festival on Friday, June 28! The event, originally scheduled for June 14 but postponed twice due to inclement weather, will take place on 7th Street between 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. The evening 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. Stop by 7th Street to welcome summer in Garden City! (Please note bikes and scooters are prohibited at the event.)

### **MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN RETAIL USES EXTENDED**

The Board has extended a moratorium on the application, acceptance and approval of building permits by Village Boards or Commissions, staff members and officials for certain retail uses in the Village of Garden City until September 27, 2024. The Board adopted the moratorium back in January to give the Village time to review and study certain uses, including adult book stores, hookah lounges, tattoo parlors, smoke shops and things of that nature and determine where such uses might be permitted in the Village.

### **YARD CLEANUP - OVERGROWN GRASS**

We remind residents that we have ordinances in our Village code that require homeowners to maintain their property, including the home itself, appearance, lawn, hedges and shrubs. For example, no owner of any land within the Village shall permit noxious weeds, long grass or other rank growths on real property owned by him or on any abutting property between his property line and the gutter. Residents will first receive a verbal summons. If they don't comply they will then receive a Notice to Remedy. If again they don't comply, residents will be issued a violation. The Building Department receives numerous complaints about overgrown grass. Please take a hard look at your landscaping. We are all neighbors.

### **TULLAMORE PARK PAINTING**

Next Tuesday, July 2, the playground equipment area will close at 2 PM so that Maintenance Staff can paint some of the equipment. Depending on drying time, we anticipate re-opening the area on Wednesday, July 3. This work is weather dependent, and if we have rain on Tuesday, we will reschedule the work.

### **THE BEST SECRET IN TOWN!**

Did you know that each of our neighborhood parks runs a free playground program every summer? Children entering Grades 1-8 who reside in the Village are invited to come to the park during the summer to find out what activities are taking place. Each park has its own "flavor" and "favorite" activities. Park Directors and their staff run games, sports, tournaments, and arts and crafts activities during the day and into the evening. Trips are also run through the parks. These activities, except for the trips, are free to anyone attending. Registration is not necessary. A child may attend any day they choose. Children are supervised while in the park, but the children attending must be able to come and go to the park as they please or a parent or child care provider must be in attendance while the child participates. This program cannot be used as babysitting.

When: Monday through Friday Monday, June 24 through Friday, August 16.

Where: Nassau Haven, Edgemere, Tullamore, Grove, and Hemlock Parks

Time: Beginning 10 a.m. and running throughout the day, check your local park for posted schedules.

### **SUMMERTIME GAZEBO CONCERTS**

In cooperation with Steve Dassa Entertainment, the Garden City Recreation and Parks Department is pleased to announce its schedule of summer concerts:

- July 11: Back in Time playing the hits of Huey Lewis & The News
- July 18: Johnny Avino performing great tunes of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin
- July 25: Jenna Esposito performing songs from the Great American Songbook
- August 1: The 1910 Fruitgum Company "Simon Says" and more 60s hits
- August 8: Blue Meanies playing the best of The Beatles and The Monkees
- August 15: Prime Time Country Band playing country music favorites

All performances are held at the Gazebo on the Village Green, located at the corner of Stewart and Hilton avenues. Shows begin promptly at 7:15 p.m. Please be advised that there are no restroom facilities at the Gazebo. In the event of rain, shows will be moved indoors to Cluett Hall, on the grounds of St. Paul's, 295 Stewart Avenue. Due to limited seating at Cluett Hall, proof of residency in the Inc. Village will be required for admission to the indoor shows. For additional information about these shows, please call Garden City Recreation and Parks at 465-4075.

#### **THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN THE POOL**

Recreation Commissioner Paul Blake is happy to report that Pool memberships are up in all seven categories. For example, the "Family" category is up 71 families over last summer. There's still time to join for the summer. Members enjoy musical performances, movie nights, a magic show, Family Fun Day on July 4, Party Under the Stars, swim team, swim lessons and some surprises all during the season. Membership categories and rates for the 2024 Garden City Pool season can be found at [www.gardencityrecreation.org](http://www.gardencityrecreation.org) (you must have a password to register online. If you do not have a password you must prove residency first by visiting our Recreation Office at 108 Rockaway Ave.). Just a reminder, all applicants will be verified for valid residence upon receipt. Any applications that do not meet the residency requirements will be void.

#### **FOURTH OF JULY - VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED**

Residents are reminded that Village Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4, 2024 in observance of Independence Day. Village Hall will re-open Friday, July 5, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. There is a regular sanitation schedule the week of July 4, 2024.

#### **HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28** 5:00-9:00 p.m. Patriotic Kick-Off To Summer Festival on 7th Street

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28** 8:30 p.m. Movie Night at the Pool for members and guests: *Migration*. Guest fees apply.

**MONDAY, JULY 1** 4:00 p.m. Teen Crafternoon: Patriotic Fleece Tied Pillow at the Library. Must register.

**MONDAY, JULY 1** 7:0 p.m. Family Movie: *Shrek* at the Library

**TUESDAY, JULY 2** 4:00 p.m. Teen Advisory Board meeting at the Library. Must register.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3** 6:00 p.m. Teen Movie Night: *Back to the Future* at the Library. Must register.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3** 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission meeting at Village Hall