

July 3, 2024

If you received the recreation survey in the mail this week, congrats! You're one of 2,000 households randomly selected to participate. 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 feedback.

Along the way to the Recreation Master Plan we will be exploring options to find the best solution for the St. Paul's Main Building, but the recreation survey is much broader and will impact future decisions related to our recreational and cultural offerings across the village. Assessing residents wants and needs is an important part of the process.

Thank you for spending the time to provide thoughtful responses if you are one of the 2,000 households randomly selected. If you did not receive the recreation survey, you are encouraged to 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.

OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

The patriotic festival on 7th Street Friday evening was the perfect way to usher in summer in Garden City! Beautiful weather, family fun and helpful information about summer enrichment offerings in the Village. Stay tuned for details about our next festival!

GCFD TRAINING FACILITY

The Village Board approved a \$3.9 million bond to fund a new training facility for the Garden City Fire Department, as part of a larger Public Works infrastructure project at the Village Yard. The facility, covering 100,000 square feet, will include new construction and upgrades to an adjacent transfer station at the Yard. Chief James Taunton is confident the new facility will provide volunteers with a safe and effective training environment. The structure will host a majority of training topics including but not limited to stretching fire hose, mask confidence and search and rescue.

FORFEITURE OF ASSETS

Under the New York State Civil Practice Law, certain funds received from forfeiture of assets are restricted to fund "unbudgeted" police expenditures. At the close of the 2023/24 fiscal year, the Village had \$45,630.27 held in Reserve. Further, funds in the amount of \$240.89 were received from forfeited property of crime proceeds from past cases. According to Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, the Department is looking to purchase products that will enhance criminal investigations and evidence management. In the past, these funds have been utilized to purchase a State/Federal certified fingerprinting station, video surveillance equipment, communication devices, drug recognition software, cell phone investigative equipment/software, detective vehicle accessory enhancements, ballistic vests/helmets and tactical weapons.

NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH, RECREATION PROFESSIONALS DAY

The Board has proclaimed July 2024 as "National Park and Recreation Month" as designated by the U.S. House of Representatives, and July 19th as "Recreation Professionals Day," as designated by the National Recreation and Park Society in Garden City.

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 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, 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, 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 (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.

SUMMER BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Trustees will meet once a month this summer, on July 25, August 15 and September 19. Meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall and via Zoom. Residents are encouraged to attend.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

MONDAY, JULY 8 10:00 a.m. The Pool will open early for “Senior Citizens Day” for Senior members

MONDAY, JULY 8 1:30 p.m. Movie Matineé: *The Italian Job* at the Library

MONDAY, JULY 8 7:00 p.m. Family BINGO at the Library. Must register.

TUESDAY, JULY 9 6:30 p.m. Family Magic Show at Nassau Haven Park

TUESDAY, JULY 9 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at Village Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 11:00 a.m. Adult BINGO at the Library. Must register.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 7:15 p.m. Sunrise Theatre Company presents "Seussical the Musical" at the Gazebo

THURSDAY, JULY 11 4:00 p.m. Tween Thursday: Flower Garden Craft at the Library. Must register.

THURSDAY, JULY 11 6:15 p.m. Magic of Amore at Tullamore Park

THURSDAY, JULY 11 7:15 p.m. Gazebo Concert: Back in Time playing the hits of Huey Lewis & The News

THURSDAY, JULY 18 6:15 p.m. Traffic Commission Meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom