

July 10, 2024

The recreation surveys are out, and I am pleased to hear many residents are filling them out and sending them back. If you were one of the 2,000 randomly selected households receiving the survey, it is important that you spend a few minutes completing the survey and returning it. If you were not, you are encouraged to provide input through the open [online recreation survey](#). We all know how important recreation and cultural programs are to our village, and a strong response is essential to collecting the data needed to inform the Recreation Master Plan.

While I had spoken of a St. Paul's survey following shortly after the recreation survey, this has been delayed, and I hope everyone is patient as we try to gather support for a survey that is recommended by the hired professionals and will provide the data needed to identify a St. Paul's Plan that can be executed.

The consultants have emphasized the importance of including the full array of options at this point in order to gather data that can be relied upon and to provide enough information to be successful in reaching our goal of a St. Paul's project that has widespread community support and can be executed.

These have been challenging conversations as there is understandable resistance from some to asking questions that they believe were already answered in the October Opinion Poll. I would like to remind residents that the majority of residents only voted to support further efforts to EXPLORE the affordability of preserving part or all of the building. That is exactly what I am working on now. It was not a vote for any particular outcome, but rather a showing of support for the ongoing efforts now underway to identify a project that has enough community support to be executed. I continue to be hopeful that we can stay the course with the process identified and remain committed to a community driven approach using statistically valid data.

### **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>.

### **TREE LIMB TRIMMING**

Recreation and Parks crews are busy with resident and Police Department requests for trimming and pruning, and removing damaged and leaning trees around the Village, according to Recreation and Parks Commissioner Paul Blake. Annually, Garden City Police perform Village-wide checks and create a list of locations where trimming or removal of tree branches could extend the visibility of traffic lights for approaching traffic. Officers also report locations when observed on daily patrols. This is another example of various Village Departments working together to improve the overall safety of residents and visitors alike. **Residents may call 465-4075 to request a Village tree trim.**

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE VILLAGE**

The Village of Garden City is currently accepting candidates for the positions of Assistant Superintendent of Buildings and School Crossing Guard. You can read the full job descriptions on our website by clicking the "Career Opportunities" button. All interested candidates should email resumes to [humanresources@gardencityny.net](mailto:humanresources@gardencityny.net).

### **SPOTTED LANTERNFLY**

Although the NYS Department of Agriculture is no longer asking residents of Nassau County to report Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) sightings or to collect samples at this time, residents should remain aware of these

pests, and if they see them, they should continue to kill them. The Department has received enough reports and samples to confirm that the Lanternfly is indeed in these areas, including right here in Garden City. These invasive insects are from Asia and primarily feed on a wide variety of plants such as grapevine, hops, maple, walnut, fruit trees and others. This insect could impact New York's forests as well as the agricultural and tourism industries.

### **SUMMERTIME GAZEBO CONCERTS**

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

- 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.

### **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**

**SUNDAY, JULY 14** 2:00 p.m. Jester Jim Juggling Show at the Pool for members and guests

**MONDAY, JULY 15** 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinee: *Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade* at the Library

**MONDAY, JULY 15** 6:00 p.m. Roll America Roller Skating Party at Community Park

**TUESDAY, JULY 16** 8:15 p.m. Movie Night at the Pool: *Trolls Band Together* for members and guests. Nominal fee for guests.

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 18** 7:15 p.m. Gazebo Concert: Johnny Avino performing Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin

**FRIDAY, JULY 19** 10:00 a.m. Chair Exercise with Felicia at the Senior Center

**SATURDAY, JULY 20** 7:0 p.m. Mini Golf Glow Night at Community Park