

July 17, 2024

Summer is in full swing with many children spending fun-filled days participating in our staffed park programs! Whether your park is Hemlock, Grove, Edgemere, Tullamore or Nassau Haven, you do not have to worry about lead when your children are filling their water bottles. As we have recommended all homeowners test their water for lead as part of our free lead testing program, the Village has tested the water fountains in the five village playgrounds and is happy to report they all came back non-detect for lead which is what we all hope for. We also tested the water fountains at the Pool snack bar and St. Paul's with the same good result. While the action level for lead is set at 15 parts per billion, the established goal is set at 0. Have you tested your home's water for lead? If not, please take advantage of the Village's free lead testing by emailing gardencitysampling@h2m.com or calling 516-465-4005.

At the same time we were testing the water fountains for lead, we also investigated the material of the service lines and determined that they are copper. We are asking all residents to help as we work towards completing our lead service line inventory mandated by the EPA with an October 2024 deadline. By taking the simple step of sharing a photograph of the service entering your home you can help with this important undertaking. Learning whether you have a lead service line coming into your home will help us comply with the October 2024 deadline, and it will also provide valuable information to you about the safety of the water in your home.

SANDS CASINO UPDATE

Last Wednesday, July 10, the Open Space Planning Advisory Committee met and voted in favor of giving site control of the 72-acre Coliseum property to the Las Vegas Sands Corporation. Myself and members of the "Say No to the Casino" group attended the meeting and spoke out against the 42-year lease. A representative from Hofstra University also attended the meeting.

Important Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, July 18, 9:15 a.m. - a press conference will be held on the front steps of the Nassau County Legislature Building at 1550 Franklin Avenue.
- Thursday, July 18, 10:00 am. - Nassau County Planning Commission meeting at 1550 Franklin Avenue. The Commission will vote on how to advise the Nassau County Legislature regarding giving site control of the 72-acre Coliseum property to the Las Vegas Sands Corporation. There will be no public comment allowed at this meeting.
- Monday, August 5, 1:00 pm. - Nassau County Legislature meeting at 1550 Franklin Avenue. It is expected that the Legislature will vote on the 42-year lease that gives site control to the Las Vegas Sands Corporation.

On June 20th, the Nassau County Planning Commission held a meeting and heard testimony from County attorneys and the public regarding this issue. County attorneys describe the lease as simply an "operating lease" that has nothing to do with a casino, but is only meant to keep the lights on at the Coliseum and host events at the site. Proponents of this lease claim that an operator is needed in order to keep the Coliseum open, and preserve the jobs of current Coliseum employees. Opponents of the lease note that the lease has a term of 42 years, gives site control to the Sands of 72 acres of publicly owned land, and gives Las Vegas Sands the right to close the Coliseum and "go dark" after two years. The public hearing was attended by representatives from LV Sands, labor unions, Hofstra University, the Garden City Board of Trustees and the "Say No to the Casino" opposition group.

This isn't an innocent lease agreement to keep things going over there. We all know what it is. During my public comments before the Planning Commission, I shared the unanimous resolution of the Village Board of

Trustees. Following the hearing, an extensive comment prepared by environmental counsel Sive, Paget & Riesel, P.C. was submitted by the Village with signatures of every member of the Village Board of Trustees.

POOL NEWSLETTER

The Garden City Pool has a newsletter for members! Come down to the Pool Office to pick up a copy of the *Goggles Gazette* and find out what's going on at the Pool this summer!

TEEN CALMING CORNER

Did you know the Library's Tweens and Teens Department has established a "Teen Calming Corner" in the Tweens and Teens Room? Thanks to NYS "Love Your Library" funding, the corner was set up in May, National Mental Health Awareness Month, and is open for the use of tweens and teens in Grades 6-12. A calm down corner is a designated space with the sole intent of being a safe space for a child to go when they feel their emotions are running too high and they need to regain their emotional and physical control. Items included in the Teen Calming Corner are bean bag chairs, sensory and fidget toys, weighted blankets, coloring pages, coping cards, a worry shredder, noise-reducing earmuffs. The Corner also includes a selection of books from the Young Adult collection focused on mindfulness and mental health.

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>.

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 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.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

SATURDAY, JULY 20 2:00 p.m. The band Side Effects plays classic rock and roll at the Library

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

SUNDAY, JULY 21 1:00 p.m. Magic of Amore at the Pool for members and guests. Nominal fee for guests.

MONDAY, JULY 22 1:30 p.m. Movie Matineé: *Bourne Identity* at the Library

MONDAY, JULY 22 4:00 p.m. Teen Crafternoon: Candy Sushi at the Library. Must register.

MONDAY, JULY 22 7:30 p.m. Middle School Night at the Pool for members and guests. \$5 for non-member middle school guests.

TUESDAY, JULY 23 6:30 p.m. Architectural Design Review Board meeting at Village Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 25 6:00 p.m. Bubble Bus a Hemlock Park

THURSDAY, JULY 25 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom

SATURDAY, JULY 27 5:30 p.m. Party Under The Stars at the Pool for members and guests. Nominal fee for guests.