

September 18, 2024

Brandstetter Carroll (BCI) will be back in Garden City Monday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. to present the findings and share analysis on the recent recreation survey. All residents will be able to view this on Zoom (link) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88660461309?pwd=pyTGE7yC38WeuQxkB7hLxJ5FTahSmD.1>. The presentation will be made to the Village Board, the St. Paul's Mayor's Advisory Committee and the Recreation Commission, along with key staff.

It's an exciting time as we hear from professionals about the recreation survey results that will be used to shape a ten-year plan for our Village. We can all agree that our recreational and cultural offerings in the Village are a key to what makes Garden City the most desirable community on Long Island!

BCI will share ideas on how this data can help inform the St. Paul's survey, which is planned for the fall, though the future of the St Paul's building is not a topic in this presentation.

After Monday's presentation, BCI will host smaller meetings as they kick off the envision phase on the path to a recreation master plan.

#### **THANK YOU GARDEN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

On behalf of the Garden City community, thank you to Fire Chief James Taunton and members of the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department for conducting the 23rd annual remembrance ceremony of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Twenty-three years have passed since the attacks though for many it feels like yesterday. We gathered to pay tribute to the many lives lost, recognizing the 23 residents of our Village. We joined in praying for their families and friends whom we hope seek solace in this annual remembrance ceremony. May we all never forget.

#### **LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY**

The Village is nearing completion of the mandated lead service line inventory, and I would like to thank all the residents who have helped us in compiling this inventory and those who have gone out of their way to help raise awareness about the serious public health issues associated with lead service lines.

Over 800 residents sent pictures of the service lines entering their homes to help identify the material! It's not too late to help with these photographs. There is a link on our Village website and the link [<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/25af1495a43e4593872fef3eeceb26f8>] is included here to make this easy for residents. If you need assistance, you can contact our Water Department at 516-465-4005.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY SERIES: SCHOOL BUS SAFETY**

This is part two of a four-part series of articles by the Garden City Police Department addressing Back-to-School Safety Issues. In last week's article, we addressed safe driving practices. This week's article will cover school bus safety. Parents, grandparents, guardians and teachers are encouraged to use this article to help teach children about school bus safety.

#### **Bus Stops:**

✓ Hold your child's hand and walk together to the bus stop in the morning. Research has shown that you should hold their hand on the sidewalk and in parking lots until your child is at least eight (8) years old. Furthermore, until they are ten (10) years old, you should hold their hand while crossing the street.

- ✓ Stay with your child at the bus stop. If you cannot stay with your child, arrange for another trusted adult to accompany them.
- ✓ When waiting for the school bus, have the children stay orderly and stand back from the curb.
- ✓ Meet your child at the bus stop after school; never wait on the opposite side of the street. Talk to your child about what they should do if you are delayed and cannot meet them as usual.
- ✓ Discuss with your children what they should do if they accidentally get on the wrong bus or miss their regular bus stop.
- ✓ When children get off the bus, they should use the handrail and look out the door to the rear of the bus before stepping off the bottom step. Research by the Pupil Transportation Safety Institute tells us that more and more vehicles are passing stopped school buses on the right shoulder – where the door is located.
- ✓ Remember, clothing can get caught. Jackets, sweatshirt drawstrings, backpack straps, scarves, and loose clothing may get caught on bus handrails or doors. This could be dangerous while getting on or off the bus.
- ✓ Children should take five giant steps straight out from the school bus door and out of the danger zone.
- ✓ Teach your child to make eye contact with the bus driver and wait for the driver to signal them before they cross in front of the bus.
- ✓ Remind your children to look both ways for traffic before crossing the street. Never assume cars will stop for the bus.
- ✓ Never go back for anything you left on the bus, and never bend down near or under the bus.

#### **School Bus Behavior:**

- ✓ Enter and exit school buses in an orderly manner, using handrails where provided.
- ✓ After getting on the bus, go directly to your seat and remain seated, facing forward.
- ✓ Students need to listen to the bus driver for special instructions or information.
- ✓ Speak quietly and politely to the other children near you.
- ✓ Do not jump up and down, fight or tease other passengers, or be unruly. These activities can distract the bus driver, and they may not be able to give proper attention to driving.
- ✓ Keep aisles clear.
- ✓ Keep heads, hands, arms, feet, and other objects inside the bus at all times.
- ✓ Never run or throw items inside the bus.
- ✓ Help keep the bus clean and in good condition. Report any unsafe or unsanitary conditions to the bus driver.

#### **Motorist Reminders:**

- ✓ Remember, if you are approaching a school bus from the front or behind and its yellow lights are flashing, the bus is preparing to stop.
- ✓ It is illegal – and very dangerous – to pass or overtake a stopped school bus when emergency red lights are flashing. These flashing lights mean the bus is either picking up or discharging students.
- ✓ If the bus's red lights are flashing, you must stop and remain stopped until the red warning lights are off. This includes school buses that are on the opposite side of divided highways, on multiple-lane roadways, in parking lots, and on school grounds.
- ✓ The first-time fine for illegally passing a school bus ranges from \$250 to \$400, 5- points on your license and/or 30 days in jail; subsequent violations carry fines ranging from \$600 to \$1,000, 5- points on your license and/or up to 180 days in jail.
- ✓ Be advised that many buses are now equipped with cameras, which may result in

violators receiving tickets for passing a stopped school bus.

The Garden City Police Department encourages residents to incorporate these safe practices into their lives to make this school year safe. Next week, read part three of the Back-to-School Series, “Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety.”

### **ADULT PICKLEBALL PROGRAM**

Pickleball began again in the St. Paul’s Fieldhouse on Tuesday, September 17th. This program is open to Garden City residents only, Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:30 to noon. Each session will consist of open play with everyone attending round-robinning in to play. If you attend the first session you must pay again to stay for the second session. There will be no reserving of courts for individual play. A monitor will be available for any person wishing to learn the game. The fee schedule to attend is as follows:

- 10 Play Pass – good for any \$50 Fieldhouse sport for 10 visits
- 5 Play Pass – good for any \$25 Fieldhouse sport for 5 visits

“Pay as you go” prices will be \$6. To purchase one of the passes, please visit the Recreation Office at 108 Rockaway Ave. You will also be able to purchase a pass from our St. Paul’s staff at the time of attendance. Check or credit card payment is preferred.

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

The Village of Garden City is currently accepting candidates for several positions, including Assistant Superintendent of the Building Department, School Crossing Guard and Geographic Information Specialist. You can read the full job descriptions on our website via the Career Opportunities button. All interested candidates should email resumes to [humanresources@gardencityny.net](mailto:humanresources@gardencityny.net).

### **HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21** 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friends pop-up book sale at the Library

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21** 1:00 p.m. Historian John Ellis Kordes presents his documentary film, *A.T. Stewart’s Garden City* at the Library

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21** Homecoming Parade (1:00 p.m.) and Game (3:00 p.m.)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** 9:30 a.m. Adult Pickleball at the St. Paul’s Field House

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** 7:00 p.m. Book discussion: *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides at the Library. Must register.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25** 11:15 a.m. Travel presentation at the Senior Center for a “Southern Charm” trip, taking place April 21-27 to Charleston, Savannah and Jekyll Island through AAA and Collette Tours

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26** 1:00 p.m. Chi Kung exercise and meditation at the Senior Center. \$60.00 for 8-week session. Pay at the Recreation Office or see Felicia at the Senior Center.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27** 3:30 p.m. Multigenerational chess tournament on the Library lawn. Sign up at [www.gardencitypl.org](http://www.gardencitypl.org).

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28** 12:00 p.m. All-parks reunion, Old-Timers Day, at Tullamore Park