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As fall recreation activities are in full swing across the Village, it was timely to hear Brandstetter Carroll (BCI) present their findings and share analysis on the recent recreation survey. The thought provoking presentation is available for all residents to view on the Village website. (<https://www.gardencityny.net/291/Path-to-a-St-Pauls-Master-Plan-in-2024>)

Whether you are new to the Village or a long-time resident, I encourage you to view this short presentation and please follow closely as we work towards a ten-year recreation plan for our Village with the guidance of these outstanding professionals.

Whether it's the gazebo concerts, the GC Pool, the staffed playgrounds, the dance program, or any of the other offerings through the Village Recreation and Parks Department, we can all agree that these programs play an important role in bringing residents together and creating the close knit community we all enjoy.

Stay tuned as we move to the envision phase on this path to a Recreation Master Plan.

Could we possibly find a solution to the St. Paul's Main Building along the way? Time will tell, and widespread community engagement is critical in succeeding on this more challenging task. A St. Paul's survey is the next step, and we will need to hear from everyone!

#### **LICENSE PLATE READERS**

The Village of Garden City is set to enhance its public safety measures by installing 14 additional License Plate Readers (LPRs) at various locations throughout the Village. This initiative aims to bolster the capabilities of the Garden City Police Department in capturing crucial evidence and ensuring the safety of the community. Commissioner Kenneth Jackson has emphasized the effectiveness of the existing LPRs within the Village, highlighting their significant role in solving crimes. Commissioner Jackson stated, "The decision to deploy 14 more units is driven by the need for wider coverage, particularly from west to east. The implementation of additional LPRs is poised to yield numerous benefits for public safety and law enforcement within the Village. The purchase of these additional units was made possible through a Law Enforcement Technology Grant received from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and approved by the Village Board."

#### **HISTORIC TOLL LODGE REHABILITATION**

The toll lodge rehabilitation project kicked off this week. We thank the Chamber for emptying the toll lodge in preparation for this project. Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi, DPW Superintendent John Borroni, Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello and Civil Engineer Andrew Tock met with the contractor last week and materials have been delivered to the job site. The scope of work includes a full roof removal and install; painting of the building's exterior and interior, window caulking, column restoration, new carpeting, LED lights and more.

#### **POLICE ACTIVITY AUGUST**

During the month of August, the Garden City Police Department responded to 2,005 service calls, including:

- 77 case investigations
- 26 arrests

- 148 medical calls
- 79 auto accidents
- 1,136 traffic tickets
- 1,863 parking tickets
- 7 appearance tickets
- 10 vehicle impounds

### **HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27** 3:30 p.m. Multigenerational chess tournament on the Library lawn.

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28** 3:00 p.m. Teen DIY Scrap Craft Clean Out at the Library. Must register.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30** 6:30 p.m. Beginner Yoga with Kim at the Senior Center for ages 18 and up. Register online, at the Recreation Department office or see Felicia at the Senior Center.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30** 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinee: *Dirty Harry* at the Library

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1** 9:30 a.m. Adult Pickleball at the St. Paul's Field House

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1** 9:45 a.m. Chair Yoga with Tania at the Senior Center

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1** 4:00 p.m. Teen Advisory Board meeting at the Library. Must register.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6** 12:00 p.m. Fire Prevention Day & Open House at Fire Headquarters

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9** 10:00 a.m. Backpack craft at the Library. Must register.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9** 12:00 p.m. free Fall barbecue for seniors at the Senior Center. Stop by or call the Senior Center at (516) 385-8006 to register.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. free health screenings and flu shots via the St Francis Outreach Bus at the Senior Center