

October 25, 2024

What would Garden City be without trees?

Since joining the Board of Trustees, I have found myself surrounded by volunteer trustees who recognize the importance of maintaining our tree-lined streets and working to increase the tree canopy. When many of us were running for office we heard from a steady stream of residents who care deeply about this issue. We heard you, and we agree!

While I recognize there is more work to be done, I am proud to share a tree policy passed unanimously at the last Board of Trustees meeting. For anyone who questions the importance of planting and maintaining our village trees, I invite you to watch a great EAB tree presentation: *Trees of Garden City - Our History and Our Future*. <https://youtu.be/gNprbcGwUzE?feature=shared>. I want to thank Kelly Smith of the EAB for her work on this program, Paul Blake, whose understanding of the importance of trees in our Village was always evident, and our new Village Arborist Joseph Umana. They all played important roles in bringing us this tree policy.

TREE POLICY

Trustees at the October 17, 2024 Board meeting unanimously adopted the aforementioned tree policy:

The Village of Garden City is committed to preserving the trees in our Village and to working towards restoring and growing our local tree canopy. The importance of planting trees across the Village dates back to the vision of our founder, Alexander T. Stewart. We recognize and value the significant role trees in the Village play in enhancing the health and quality of life of residents, and we recognize the significant environmental benefit of trees.

It is the policy of the Village that we do not remove healthy trees on Village property unless there are mitigating circumstances, such as trees in a location that causes a dangerous visibility issue, or a tree which is in the way of permitted construction. No tree will be removed from Village property without an inspection being performed by the Village arborist, and there will be documentation in our tree plotter software detailing the condition and reason for removal.

When a tree on Village property is removed for any reason, the Village policy requires replacement of said tree with an appropriate species to be determined by the Village arborist, unless there are mitigating circumstances that make replacement inappropriate.

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

The Garden City Police Department is currently seeking Part-time crossing guards. All interested candidates can obtain an application by visiting <https://gardencitypolice.net/school-crossing-guards> or by visiting Police Headquarters at 349 Stewart Avenue.

GOGOV APP

Exciting News! Soon you will have easy access to Garden City on the go! The Village has entered into an agreement with GoGov to develop a Village app. This app will provide for easy access to Village notifications and alerts, a community calendar, emergency contacts, and a place to report a problem, just to name a few features. Residents will be able to subscribe to the types of notifications that they want to receive, and they will then be delivered directly to your phone. This will help keep Residents informed while providing easy access to all that is going on throughout Garden City. Several of our neighboring communities have launched Village apps with much success. We look forward to sharing this app launch with you in late 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 7

The Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 7, 2024 to discuss a proposed Local Law to govern certain regulated uses within the Village and protect and promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the residents of Garden City. The Board has recognized that certain uses can have a deleterious effect on the existing businesses around them, as well as upon the surrounding residential areas adjacent to them, certain uses present threats to the safety of children, and such uses present objectionable operational characteristics. The Board further finds that licensing and inspection procedures are appropriate mechanisms to regulate the operation of certain regulated uses, including but not limited to adult book and/or video stores, tattoo parlors, vape shops and hookah lounges. This local law was approved by the Nassau County Planning Commission. Trustees have extended the current moratorium for such uses while this Local Law is being considered. The moratorium was first enacted in January 2024 for six months, with two three-month extensions.

BCI BACK IN TOWN

Brandstetter Carroll (BCI), the consultants hired by the Board of Trustees to assess the Village's recreation needs as well as what amenities residents want in St. Paul's, what parts of the building they value most and how much willingness there is to pay for a reimagined St. Paul's, will be back in the Village November 6-7 to meet with groups during the Envisioning Phase. A work session has been scheduled for Monday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. to allow additional questions by members of the Board of Trustees on the recommended St. Paul's survey.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 6:30 p.m. Haunted Hike at the Garden City Bird Sanctuary. Visit <https://gcbirdsanctuary.com> for tickets.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 7:00 p.m. Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf Halloween Party. \$5 per person.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 7:00 p.m. Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf Halloween Party. \$5 per person.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 10:00 AM Drug Take Back Day at Police Headquarters

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 5:00 p.m. Trick-Or-Treat through creepy cottages for a Halloween-themed path into a Haunted Village at 108 Rockaway Avenue

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 10:00 a.m. Haunted Ambulance/Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot behind 1401 Franklin Avenue. NYU EMS will hand out candy to children and teach basic first aid, such as bleeding control and hands-only CPR.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 1:30 p.m. Movie Matinée: *A Beautiful Mind* at the Library

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Special Meeting - Work Session about BCI's St. Paul's Survey at the Garden City Library and via Zoom.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 4:00 p.m. Drama Workshop at the Library. Must register.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 11:15 a.m. Senior Dance Performance Group at the Senior Center. Must register.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball at Field House. Nominal fee.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 10:00 a.m. Practice Digital SAT Exam at the Library. Sign up only once with C2 Education.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 7:00 p.m. Yoga With Kimberly at the Library. Must register.