

December 13, 2024

What a night it was for our Village on Monday as many residents gathered at the Legislative Building to show their opposition to the proposed casino project. Thank you to Deputy Mayor Bruce Chester (6:10:40), Trustee Edward Finneran (6:19:40) and Trustee Vinny Muldoon (6:12:55) who, along with me, (6:26:15) made public comments on behalf of the Village.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Garden City residents who spoke at the hearing about the negative environmental impact that the proposed casino would have on our beautiful county and our Village in particular.

Your voices were heard, and your powerful words are now part of the public record.

George Krug 4:59:09

James Lynch GCSD 5:15:55

Leo Stimmmer 5:22:15

John McFeely 5:30:00

Glen Aldrich 5:33:45

Lynn Krug 5:39:50

Monica Kiely 5:53:15

Richard Catalano 7:03:40

Richard Williams 8:16:50

Ray Meyer 8:29:00

I invite you all to watch these residents of our Village who took the time to come, waited for hours, and spoke so eloquently! (https://vimeo.com/showcase/11350648?video=996310372&fbclid=IwY2xjawHGuPJleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHV67FlfLsh0UvJ90N2gIni40zV8NdKCkUVdvQRhkBvY0xazkGtDOsMKdcQ_aem_kE3iX0IzesvZqXP83sYIxQ) Thank you for standing up for the place we all call home!

Written comments are being accepted (sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov), and that is a great way for your voice to be heard. I know some who planned to speak were turned away because the room was at capacity and others who signed up to speak could not wait the hours needed because of other commitments, and I hope you all submit what you had planned to say.

A paper copy of the DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) is available in the Garden City Library and on the county [website](https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/46753/Sands-DEIS-Text?bidId=) (<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/46753/Sands-DEIS-Text?bidId=>). The volume of that DEIS speaks to the tremendous impact this project would have with 180 intersections identified as being impacted and the addition of lanes on the Meadowbrook Parkway being proposed to handle the influx of vehicles expected.

Residents can visit the Say No to the Casino website (www.nocasinonassau.org) for information on how to get involved.

FAMILY FUN TIME ON SUNDAYS

On Sunday afternoons beginning January 5th, St. Paul's Field House will be open for "Family Fun" for Village of Garden City families. This open time provides the opportunity for families to enjoy various gym activities in an indoor environment. The gym will be available for use from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. each Sunday

until March 9th. This time is designated for family time only. No organized practices or workouts will be allowed. Although there will be staff to monitor activity, this is not a drop off program. We ask that all elementary and middle school aged children must be accompanied by an adult/guardian. For the safety of our users, sports involving paddle, stick, or bat equipment will not be allowed.

ST. PAUL'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members of the St. Paul's Board of Trustees Advisory Committee are helping to guide the Re-imagined St. Paul's Phase and have been meeting regularly. Members Bob Catell (co-chair), Frank Tauches, Jr. (co-chair), Joseph Jabour, Brian Gemmell, Stephen Fearance, Joseph DiPrisco, Cristina Handal, William Kuhl, Brian Collins, Guy Milone, Liz Kelly, Gerard Smith, James Burbage, Tracey Williams and Dylan Williams possess large scale commercial project experience in the following fields: construction, architecture, engineering, to name a few. To read member bios, please visit the Village website, www.gardencityny.net [<https://www.gardencityny.net/291/Path-to-a-St-Pauls-Master-Plan-in-2024>]

TREES FOR TROOPS

The Garden City Police Department is proud to have once again participated in the Trees for Troops program, a commendable initiative of the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation. This program plays a crucial role in providing free, farm-grown Christmas trees to members of the United States Armed Forces and their families through various forms of support, including donations, sponsorships, and the dedication of countless volunteers. Commissioner Jackson stated, "It is our honor to contribute to the well-being of our military families during the holiday season. We believe that these small acts of kindness can make a significant impact on those who sacrifice to serve our country."

LETTERS TO SANTA

It's time to send letters to Santa and the Recreation Department will speed up the process! A special "Santa's Mailbox" has been set up in the waiting area of the Recreation Department's Administrative Offices at 108 Rockaway Avenue. Children can drop their letters in the mailbox and Santa will send them a personalized reply. Santa's mailbox will be available through December 20.

CHRISTMAS CANDY CONTEST

Kids can take a chance at guessing the number of candy pieces in the jar next to Santa's Mailbox at the Recreation Department's Administrative Offices at 108 Rockaway Avenue. The child whose guess is closest to the actual number will win the jar - candy and all! The candy contest will be available December 9-20.

LEAF COLLECTION

Still have leaves to dispose of? As of Monday, December 9, residents and landscapers were no longer permitted to dispose of leaves in the road. Residents can bag their leaves and put them out on Rubbish day or bring them to the Village Transfer station "Dump Area," which is open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closing 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch during the week); and Saturdays 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Crews are currently still collecting leaves and will be making a few more passes, weather permitting.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13** 3:00 p.m. Chess 4 Community's Play and Learn at the Senior Center. All ages and levels are welcome.
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14** 1:00 p.m. Sports lecture with Les Wolff at the Library. Must register.
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15** 2:00 p.m. Rhonda Kay and the Backstage Trio perform at

the Library

- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16** 1:30 p.m. Monday Movie Matinée: *The Holdovers* at the Library
- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16** 7:30 p.m. Adult Basketball at the Field House. Nominal fee.
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17** 1:30 p.m. A Day at the Movies: *Elf* at the Senior Center. Register by calling 516-385-8006.
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17** 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at Village Hall
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22** 1:00 p.m. *Twas the Night Before Christmas* live performance by the Sunrise Theatre Company in Cluett Hall. Make reservations by calling 516 465-4075.
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31** 11:00 a.m. Noon Year's Eve Party at the Library for Tweens and Teens. Must register.
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31** 12:00 p.m. New Year's Eve celebration at Cluett Hall featuring entertainment by Jester Jim. Must register: 516-465-4075.
- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5** 2:45 p.m. Family Fun time for Garden City families at the St. Paul's Field House