

January 8, 2025

Next week marks the fourth year the Village of Garden City will host a roundtable discussion on sustainability. What better way to spend a winter evening than participating in this fun event! You are sure to hear about exciting research projects and initiatives being lead by young residents of our Village, and discussion of educational and career opportunities will be highlighted. The meeting will take place in the Village Hall Board Room Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

EAB members Amanda Shore and Kurt Ehrig have been working with student members Roisin Pfaff, Maeve Smith, Simone Ostracher and roundtable co-chair Hannah Lam to plan this event. If you are interested in participating you are encouraged to email <mailto:amanda.n.shore@gmail.com>, though you can also just show up. Community service hours are available for students who participate.

This year's discussion will explore ecological footprints and how individual actions can contribute to local and global sustainability goals. This is a great opportunity to share ideas on different ways to practice sustainability, and to discuss sustainability in different career paths.

The roundtable discussion is open to all interested community members. High school and college students, as well as recent graduates, or individuals involved in a local sustainability initiative or program, are invited to lead in the discussion.

Looking forward to seeing you there Wednesday night!

#### **NEW APPROACH ON PATH TO ST. PAUL'S PROJECT**

A new approach being undertaken by the Board of Trustees led by Trustee Vinny Muldoon will be announced at next week's Board of Trustees meeting on January 16 beginning at 7:30 p.m. A revised community survey is expected to be on the agenda for a vote.

#### **RECYCLING NATURAL CHRISTMAS TREES/WREATHS**

This is a reminder for those with natural Christmas trees or wreaths that need to be disposed of. Please place them at the curb on your regularly scheduled recycling collection day. The Department of Public Works began collection on Monday, January 6, starting in the West, and will continue moving through the Village following the recycling schedule. The trees and/or wreaths will be processed at the Village Yard to be used as mulch for trees and shrubs.

To assist with the process, kindly ensure that all tree stands, electric lights, and plastic bags are removed from the trees before disposal. Additionally, we ask for your cooperation in disposing of your tree only on the scheduled recycling collection days to maintain a smooth process for all residents.

For those with artificial Christmas trees to dispose of, please contact the Sanitation Department to arrange for a special pickup by calling 465-4031 or 465-4032.

#### **EAB ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY ROUNDTABLE**

Join us in a student-led roundtable discussion at Village Hall on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m. to address ecological footprints, sustainability at different levels of society and sustainability in career paths. The roundtable will also feature En-roads, an interactive climate simulator. Students will receive community service hours for participating in the discussion. Please register by filling out this Google form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOnqYe6wHRSv\\_Zn28wQCGy7O5gwmW92HaiM86ryIAf7W9u8Q/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOnqYe6wHRSv_Zn28wQCGy7O5gwmW92HaiM86ryIAf7W9u8Q/viewform?usp=dialog)

## **EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO ST. PAUL'S ROOF/WINDOWS**

Trustees approved a \$20,000 fund transfer for emergency roof and window repairs to the St. Paul's Main Building during a special meeting December 30, 2024. Statewide Roofing Inc. will perform emergency roof repairs as well as board up six broken windows.

## **CONGESTION PRICING**

Effective January 5, 2025, vehicles entering the Congestion Relief Zone in Manhattan - local streets and avenues at or below 60th Street - are being charged a toll. The program is intended to reduce traffic, improve air quality, and fund better public transit. The toll amount will depend on the type of vehicle, time of day, whether any crossing credits apply, and the method of payment. Most vehicles with E-ZPass will be charged \$9 in the peak period or \$2.25 overnight, once daily. Discounts or exemptions may apply – visit [mta.info/discounts](http://mta.info/discounts) for more details. E-ZPass is the best way to pay the toll. Drivers will be able to pay with their existing E-ZPass transponder and account. If you already have an E-ZPass account, make sure it is up-to-date with your current license plate number to ensure you are charged the E-ZPass toll rate and receive any peak period crossing credits. For more information, visit [congestionreliefzone.mta.info](http://congestionreliefzone.mta.info). Sign up for newsletter updates at [mta.info/crznewsletter](http://mta.info/crznewsletter).

## **HOLIDAY DWI ENFORCEMENT**

During the December holiday season, the Police Department utilized Stop-DWI funds to deploy additional patrols to bolster the force's efforts in the detection and apprehension of persons driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Eight motorists were arrested for impaired driving offenses during the month.

## **HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY**

- **FRIDAY, JANUARY 10** 11:00 a.m. Learn to speak Italian with retired GCHS teacher Lea Brunetti at the Library. Eight-week program. Must register.
- **FRIDAY, JANUARY 10** 11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga with Tania at the Senior Center
- **FRIDAY, JANUARY 10** 3:00 p.m. Chess 4 Community's Play and Learn at the Senior Center. All ages and levels welcome.
- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 11** 3:45 p.m. Wintefrest at the Garden City Bird Sanctuary
- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12** 3:00 p.m. Family Fun time for Garden City families at the St. Paul's Field House
- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12** 2:00 p.m. Operatalks with Tanisha Mitchell. Lecture on La bohème at the Library
- **MONDAY, JANUARY 13** 10:00 a.m. the St. Francis Outreach Bus will be at the Senior Center for free health screenings. No appointments necessary.
- **MONDAY, JANUARY 13** 1:30 p.m. Monday Movie Matinée: *Cabrini* at the Library
- **MONDAY, JANUARY 13** 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees Meeting at the Library
- **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14** 2:00 p.m. Art Lecture: The Mysteries of Chirico at the Library
- **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15** 7:30 p.m. Sustainability Roundtable at Village Hall
- **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15** 7:30 p.m. Adult Basketball at the Field House. Nominal fee.
- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16** 6:00 p.m. Traffic Commission Meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom
- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16** 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom

- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16** 7:30 p.m. Adult volleyball and soccer at the Field House. Nominal fee.
- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 23** 10:00 a.m. Art class led by instructor Julia at the Senior Center. This is a 10-week session for \$140. Register at the Senior Center or Recreation Office.
- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 25** 6:00 p.m. Food and Wine Gathering at the GC Historical Society. Fee.