

February 5, 2025

Between now and the end of my term as Mayor, I plan to spend some time helping increase Village-wide awareness about St. Paul's. I believe this is important and timely as we appear to be united as a community in our belief that it is time to make a decision.

This week I am sharing the documentation regarding the National Register of Historic Places, which is now available on the St. Paul's Page of the Village website. ["A.T. Stewart Era" Buildings Comprising Thematic Group on National Register of Historic Places | Garden City, NY](#)

The St. Paul's Main Building is not separately listed, but rather it is listed as part of a thematic group of buildings. The group includes 50 residential, commercial, religious and civic structures built as original elements of the planned community of Garden City between 1871 and 1893. St. Mary's School and a number of the homes that were part of the thematic group recognized are no longer standing. The Water Works Building that many residents pass each day driving through the Village is one of the buildings that make up the thematic group, and it is still being used by the Water Department.

The designation of this thematic group is noted as having local historical significance, but not state-wide or national historical significance. The application was made in 1978 by former Village Historian Mildred H. Smith. I hope you take a few minutes to review this interesting document about our Village history.

In future columns I plan to share information on different St. Paul's topics and next week will address why there are restricted uses of the property, and it's actually more than just the parkland designation!

Feel free to reach out to me at mcarterflanagan@gardencityny.net if there are other questions you have about the Village's efforts to find a solution to St. Paul's that you would like me to address.

AWAITING DOCUMENTATION ON COST ESTIMATES BEING SHARED BY SIX TRUSTEES

As your Mayor I continue to ask for any documentation available to support the cost ranges being put forth by the six trustees working on the St Paul's Survey and the Advisory Committee. I have received no documentation as of the writing of this column. I had asked that the documentation be made available before publishing any cost ranges and am now asking that they be available with time for review before the scheduled Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday.

ST. PAUL'S TOWN HALL FEBRUARY 11

There will be a St. Paul's Town Hall at the Casino on Tuesday, February 11 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will provide an update on the St. Paul's Advisory Committee, as well as additional information about the upcoming building survey, including descriptions of the various options for the Main Building and estimated financial information. This meeting is open to all residents. If you would like more information related to St. Paul's, contact the St. Paul's Advisory Committee at stpaulsquestions@gardencityny.net.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION EFFORTS

Residents with concerns about traffic in the village are encouraged to submit any specific requests in writing to the chairman of the traffic commission and attend the traffic commission meetings which allow for resident comments. The next meeting of the Traffic Commission is scheduled for Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall and via Zoom. At that meeting Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson will provide information on speeding in the Village. The Traffic Commission is considering a speed limit reduction across the Village or on some roads in the Village. In 2024, 13, 675 tickets were issued for Village-wide traffic

violations, of which 2,524 of them were for speed-related violations. Other topics include potentially banning and/or limiting truck traffic on the Village's north-south corridors (e.g. Clinton Road, Washington Avenue, etc.), updates from Nassau County's Public Works Department on pending roadway improvements or projects within the Village, and a discussion of utilizing traffic calming strategies on specific roadways across the Village.

VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION

As theft from vehicle incidents continue to challenge our community and communities throughout Nassau County, some individuals are taking advantage of unlocked cars, particularly during those quiet overnight hours. Thieves are checking for unlocked vehicles, and, unfortunately, when they find one, they're making off with everything from loose change to personal belongings. In some cases, the subject was able to steal a vehicle when they located a key or smart key/fob. In light of this, the Police Department wants to remind everyone to take a few simple precautions:

- Always lock your vehicle, even if you're running into the house for a minute.
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight; even an old gym bag can look like treasure to a thief.
- Never leave or hide a key, smart key/key fob, valet key, or spare key in your vehicle.
- Never leave your car running, unattended, or unlocked.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage.
- Park your vehicle in well-lit areas.
- Keep the exterior of homes and driveways well-illuminated.
- Close all your vehicle windows completely when parked.
- Consider installing a GPS system, a visible anti-theft device, or an audible alarm.
- Never leave valuable personal property in your vehicle.
- Also, secure your garage door opener to prevent access to your home.
- Install surveillance cameras.
- If you see anything suspicious—whether it's someone loitering near cars or trying door handles—don't hesitate to report it.

Commissioner Jackson reminds everyone that thefts involving unoccupied vehicles are often just crimes of opportunity. When simple precautions are taken to reduce that opportunity, the likelihood of someone entering your vehicle is drastically reduced. In addition, alert residents are often instrumental in the apprehension of criminals, particularly subjects who commit larcenies involving vehicles. Residents are encouraged to promptly call 911 and report suspicious activities, people, noises, or vehicles, including license plate numbers, to the Police Department. In addition, residents and property owners with video surveillance footage of a crime on their property or a neighbor's property are encouraged to contact the Detective Division at 465-4108.

FAMILY FUN DURING PRESIDENTS WEEK

During Presidents Week, February 18-21, Family Fun time provides the opportunity for families to enjoy various gym activities in an indoor environment. 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 be accompanied by an adult/guardian. For the safety of our users, sports involving paddle, stick, or bat

equipment will not be allowed.

BLOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 26 AT THE LIBRARY

The Garden City Public Library will be holding a blood drive on Wednesday, February 26, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room on the lower level of the Library. Appointments are strongly preferred; walk-ins are welcomed only if capacity permits. Please visit the Garden City Public Library website at www.gardencitypl.org, click this link [https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/322168] or call 1-800-933-BLOOD to schedule an appointment or for any medical questions concerning blood donations. Thank you for your donation and support during this critical time.

HAPPENING IN GARDEN CITY

- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9** 9:30 a.m. Pickleball at the St. Paul's Field House. Nominal fee.
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9** 3:00 p.m. Family Fun time for Garden City families at the St. Paul's Field House
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10** 1:30 p.m. Monday Movie Matinée: *MAMMA MIA* at the Library
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10** 7:30 p.m. Library Board of Trustees meeting at the Library
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10** 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball in the St. Paul's Field House. Nominal fee.
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11** 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at Village Hall
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11** 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Town Hall at the Casino
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12** 12:00 p.m. "Chairobics and Strength" at the Library. Must register.
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12** 7:30 p.m. Environmental Advisory Board meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12** 7:30 p.m. Adult Basketball at the Field House. Nominal fee.
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13** 7:30 p.m. Adult Volleyball in the St. Paul's Field House. Nominal fee.
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13** 6:30 p.m. Traffic Commission meeting at Village Hall and via Zoom
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14** 2:00 p.m. Valentine BINGO at the Senior Center. \$5. Must register at the front desk.