

April 30, 2025

As you've probably noticed there's a lot happening across the Village as we enter the month of May. We have our outstanding DPW crew working on 7th Street replacing older curbs, resetting pavers, resetting red rock in several tree grates following the removal of problematic trees and the re-planting of a slew of new saplings. There's also been an intense effort undertaken by the Recreation Department to address our fields and bring them back to their prior glory...it's been a tough chore and there's still a ways to go but they will not stop until the goal is accomplished. The Rec crew is also prepping the pool for another great season...there's a fresh coat of paint being applied all around and non-slip epoxy is being added to the bottom of the kiddie pool. Andy Hill's crew is also checking the furniture, pruning the flower beds and taking the "wrapping off" a fully updated children's playground. These are just a few of the projects going on around town in an effort to get the Village ready for the warmer spring and summer months. The Water Department as well as the Building Department are hard at work too...we'll check in with them soon.

Finally...just a reminder to fill out the St. Paul's building survey. We are looking forward to overwhelming household participation. We'll likely keep the return period open for another couple/three weeks but please respond ASAP. If you have not received the survey please call Kelly Galanek, Village Clerk, at 516-465-4051 or email kgalanek@gardencityny.net.

ST. PAUL'S SURVEY

Well over 1,500 residents have completed the St. Paul's survey. Have you? The survey will continue to be open for the next few weeks. Residents also have the option to fill out the survey online at <https://gardencitystpaulssurvey.org>. Please note only one survey per household—whether written or online—will be counted. I believe we've given you a great survey to act on. Please take advantage of this opportunity and let your voices be heard.

SANDS CASINO

The Garden City Board of Trustees adopted a resolution opposing a casino at the Nassau Hub. This is the fourth consecutive Village Board that has unanimously voted against a project that would have a severely negative impact on our community. Although we are thrilled with the news that LV Sands has pulled out of the competition to obtain a NYS casino license at the Nassau Coliseum site, the Garden City Board will not rest until Sands' attempt to off-load its leasehold obligations to the County and transfer its NYS gaming license application status to a third party is dead. We, along with our allies, will be there at every turn to fight against any kind of casino development at the Hub.

GCFD CHIEFS, LINE OFFICERS

The Garden City Fire Department's chiefs and line and corporate officers took their oaths of office Thursday, April 24, 2025 during ceremonies at Village Hall. Myself and Trustee Vinny Muldoon did the honors. James Taunton will once again serve as Chief of the Department alongside 1st Assistant Chief Jonathan Parrella, 2nd Assistant Chief Daniel Roeper and 3rd Assistant Chief Matthew Carroll. Line Officers include Captain – Engine Company: Joseph A. Philippas; Captain – Truck Company: Ryan T. Moody; 1st Lieutenant – Engine Company: Christopher P. Moscatiello; 1st Lieutenant – Truck Company: Robert G. Horvath; 2nd Lieutenant – Engine Company: Glenn T. Henneberger; 2nd

Lieutenant – Truck Company: Rick C. Ma; Secretary: Anthony J. Della Ratta; Treasurer: Robert F. Kalb; Assistant Secretary: Leonard R. Rivera; Assistant Treasurer: Donald B. Byrne; and 1st Battalion Delegate: John P. Casey. It's always a great night to swear in Garden City's bravest. Congratulations and thank you for your service.

MARCH POLICE ACTIVITY

During the month of March, the Garden City Police Department responded to 2,219 service calls, including:

- 51 case investigations
- 18 arrests
- 2 juvenile arrests, including one arrest for bias graffiti on the MTA retaining wall on Railroad Avenue
- 167 medical calls
- 71 accidents
- 16 impounds
- 1,869 parking tickets
- 1,370 traffic tickets
- 4 appearance tickets