

May 14, 2025

This coming Monday (May 19th) at 1:00 p.m. the Nassau County Legislature is scheduled to release and then vote to approve the Final Environmental Impact Study on the proposed casino development at the Nassau Coliseum grounds. I am asking all residents, who are able, to attend the session at the NC Legislature Building at the corner of 15th Street and Franklin Avenue and join us in opposing its passage. Earlier this year, the Board of Trustees, through our counsel and environmental expert, filed a detailed report outlining the negative impact such a development would have on the underground water system, its broader environs, our traffic and the Village's overall quality of life.

Although the LV Sands Corp. has publicly stated it is no longer pursuing a NYS casino license, it is curious that this very important step in the licensing process is moving forward. To that end, there have been rumors that County officials have been furiously negotiating with other entities to potentially "step in to LV Sands shoes" in the licensing process, thus requiring the completion of the very extensive EIS process...only time will tell whether an alternate will be tapped.

Nevertheless, the Board of Trustees stands firm in its unanimous opposition to any fashion of a casino development at the site, no matter what party attempts to move a casino project forward. I will be in attendance at the hearing on Monday with some colleagues ready to speak out...I hope to see you there. Have a great weekend.

### **VILLAGE WATER**

The Village would like to correct some erroneous information contained in a recent issue of *Newsday* regarding our drinking water and the forever chemical, PFAS. To clarify, the New York State standard for PFAS is 10 parts per trillion (ppt). In 2023, Village supply Well 9 tested at 4.3 ppt, well within the state standard. In April 2024, the EPA set a new rule of 4 ppt for PFAS compounds. The *Newsday* article referenced a sample collected prior to this new rule.

Well 9 was taken out of service in 2024 for treatment upgrades aimed at removing PFAS and other compounds. At the time the sample referenced by *Newsday* was collected, Well 9 was in full compliance with the existing standards. The treatment upgrades are nearly complete, and all regulated compounds are now non-detectable. To further ensure the safety of our drinking water, the EPA has outlined several requirements:

- Public water systems must monitor for PFAS and have three years to complete initial monitoring (by 2027), followed by ongoing compliance monitoring. Water systems must provide the public with information on the levels of PFAS in their drinking water beginning in 2027.
- Public water systems have five years (by 2029) to implement solutions that reduce PFAS if monitoring shows that drinking water levels exceed the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs).
- Beginning in 2029, public water systems that have PFAS in drinking water which violates one or more of these MCLs must take action to reduce levels and must provide notification to the public of the violation.

Residents can rest assured that all Village drinking water is safe to consume and complies fully with regulated standards. For additional information, please contact Water Superintendent Stan Carey at 516-465-4043.

### **ST. PAUL'S SURVEY**

Residents have shown great interest in the St. Paul's Survey, with thousands of responses already received! If returning the survey by mail, it must be postmarked by May 30 so don't delay! If you're completing the survey online via <https://gardencitystpaulssurvey.org> it must also be submitted by May 30. Only one survey per household - whether written or online - will be counted. Email questions to

stpaulsquestions@gardencityny.net.

### **WAWNC WATER QUALITY REPORT**

The Water Authority of Western Nassau County, which services Village residents who live in the western most part of the Village, has completed its Annual Water Quality Report/Consumer Confidence Report for 2024. The full report can be found on the Garden City website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net); copies are also available at the Water Authority's office located at 1580 Union Turnpike in New Hyde Park. A supplement report, which contains data for each well utilized during 2021, both before and after treatment, is available for review at the Garden City Public Library.

### **AIRPLANE NOISE CONCERNS**

Concerned about airplane noise? Residents can file an airplane noise complaint with the Port Authority of NY NJ and the Federal Aviation Administration. For additional information, residents should visit <https://www.faa.gov/ancir>.

### **PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 5: LIABILITY OF VILLAGE**

The Garden City Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. to introduce a Village law to amend Village Code Section 132-2 regarding liability of the Village. For the past 98 years there's been a law in effect in New York State that states before any persons can maintain an action against a Village for damages or injuries sustained as the result of any kind of defect on Village-owned sidewalks, crosswalks, curbs etc. or as a result of snow or ice on Village-owned streets or parking lots there must be written notice of the defective condition on file with the Village in order for the Village to be liable. The Village has adopted its own version of that law, Code Section 132-2. With the advent of social media, email, the Village app and website, there's been some concern that persons may argue that using this technology could be a substitute for the required written notice. This amendment is intended to make it clear that in order for the Village to be put on notice of a defective condition there must be written notice delivered to the Village Clerk of the condition prior to someone making a claim. Any notices on such technology do not qualify as prior written notice, according to Village Counsel.