

August 13, 2025

Hey folks, this past Tuesday evening the Board held its first of two Town Halls regarding BCI's analysis of the St. Paul's building survey. There was a good crowd in the Board Room, and on Zoom as well. Both the BCI and ETC documents make for interesting and informative reading and can be found at this link. Additionally, a recording of the Zoom has been posted on the Garden City website and social media accounts. The second Town Hall will be scheduled for mid-September (we are looking at the week of September 15).

The pool is entering its last two-plus weeks of operation. It's been a great season and Andy Hill's team has worked hard to keep the facility "ship-shape" and maintain that beautiful "cool breeze" for all its members. A little "inside baseball" factoid...we hope to have a new slide ordered and ready to go for kids of all ages next season...can't promise but we are working toward that goal.

See ya around town...EdF

#### **RECREATION BUS HAS HAD A BUSY YEAR!**

It's been one year since the Recreation Department's Blue Bird bus arrived and was put to good use! In the past year, seniors have used the bus to see several shows at the Argyle Theatre, the Madison Theatre at Molloy University, exhibits at the Nassau County Museum Museum of Art, teas at Old Westbury Gardens and just last week a trip to Adventureland for our younger residents. Next week the Recreation Department is scheduled to take the bus to Jones Beach, with many more to come, including a trip in September to the John W. Engeman Theater in Northport to see *Come From Away*. In November, the bus will return to the Argyle Theater to see the "Neil Diamond Experience." For more information on these upcoming trips, please stop by the Senior Center front desk or call (516) 385-8006. The Village applied for CREST (Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program) grant monies through Senator Kevin Thomas' office for the purchase of the air-conditioned, 44-passenger bus.

#### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY SERIES: SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES**

It's that time of year again; summer vacation is sadly entering its last couple of weeks and kids will be back school before you know it. With that in mind, the Garden City Police Department will be issuing its annual four-part series of articles to address back-to-school safety issues. Part One will address "Safe Driving Practices," Part Two "School Bus Safety," Part Three "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety" and Part Four "Stranger Danger."

When schools open in the morning and close in the afternoon, the areas around schools are very busy and crowded. Parents and other adults can do much to improve traffic safety around our schools by driving cautiously, teaching their children safe practices, and limiting vehicle trips. In some cases, parents and other adults may be the cause of safety concerns. Drivers should obey the directions of Police Officers and Crossing Guards as well as all traffic laws and apply the following safety practices:

- ✓ When dropping off or picking up children at school, avoid parking on the opposite side of the street from the school. If you must park on the opposite side of the street, NEVER call your children to your car. Always meet them on the school side of the road and walk them to your vehicle. Also, talk with them about what to do if you are not there on time.
- ✓ Make sure children are careful opening car doors. Children should always get in and out of your vehicle through the rear curbside door.
- ✓ Drivers should not double park or block traffic. Parking or waiting in red zones, such as disabled parking

areas and no-stopping zones, is prohibited.

- ✓ Do not block school buses or use areas designated for buses only.
- ✓ Never stop or park in a crosswalk or within the posted crosswalk “No Parking” area. Students and other pedestrians rely on the crosswalk and need the visibility that the posted no-parking buffer provides to cross the street safely.
- ✓ Do not violate the law by using the excuse “I’ll just be here for a minute” when picking up or dropping off students.
- ✓ U-turns are illegal within school zones. Avoid turning around in neighboring driveways. It is hard enough to see children and even harder when you are backing up or making U-turns.
- ✓ When backing up from a driveway or garage, be aware that children may be walking or bicycling to or from a school or school bus.
- ✓ Never leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer dehydration, heat exhaustion, and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to tragedy.
- ✓ Learn the traffic patterns at the schools to avoid being a disruption.
- ✓ SLOW DOWN! You are free to drive even slower than the posted school zone speed limit and should always be considered when conditions warrant it, such as heavy rain, snow, fog, icy roads, darkness, or heavy traffic conditions.
- ✓ NEVER pass a stopped school bus when its red flashing lights are on. Whether you are behind the bus or approaching from the opposite direction, you must come to a complete stop and remain stopped until the warning lights are off. Be advised that many buses are now equipped with cameras, which may result in violators receiving tickets for passing a stopped school bus.

Motorists should keep in mind that young children usually see and hear differently than adults. Children only have two-thirds of the peripheral vision adults have, and they have difficulty determining the source of a sound. They are still learning to judge distance and speed. When a car is approaching them, they cannot accurately judge how fast it travels or how long it will take to cover the distance. Children generally focus on one thing at a time. If they are playing with friends or riding bikes, it is unlikely they will be aware of your vehicle. Children are spontaneous and have trouble stopping an action once\ started. Children also tend to overestimate their abilities, thinking they can run across a street before the light changes or a car approaches. If parents and other motorists make it a habit to incorporate these safe practices into their routines, the risk of injury or death to anyone in the school zone will be significantly reduced.

### **BLOOD DRIVE AUGUST 21**

The Garden City Public Library will hold a blood drive on Thursday, August 21, 2025, 1:00 – 7:00 PM in the large meeting room on the lower level of the Library. Every registered donor will receive a free T-shirt and a voucher to redeem a free beverage at a local participating venue. Appointments are strongly preferred; but walk-ins are welcomed. To schedule an appointment, please visit the Garden City Public Library website at [www.gardencitypl.org](http://www.gardencitypl.org) or call 1-800-933-BLOOD to schedule an appointment or for any medical questions concerning blood donations.

### **SUMMER PROMENADE AUGUST 15**

The Chamber of Commerce is holding its next promenade is this Friday, August 15. Enjoy a summer's night dancing and enjoying the many fine dining options downtown. Seventh Street will close between Franklin and Hilton avenues from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

### **SUMMERTIME GAZEBO CONCERTS**

In cooperation with Steve Dassa Entertainment, the Recreation Department's Thursday Night Summer Concert series continues August 21! Shows are held at the Gazebo on the Village Green, located on the corner of Stewart and Hilton Avenues and begin at 7:15 p.m. In the event of rain, shows are moved indoors to Cluett Hall, located at 295 Stewart Ave. Due to limited seating, proof of residency in the Inc. Village will be required for admission.

- August 21: Get a "Peaceful Easy Feeling" and "Take It Easy" with a Tribute to The Eagles by Desert Highway.