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We are officially into Fall 2025 and the team at Village Hall is busy, busy, busy. At the DPW, Buildings, Finance and Recreation departments senior folks and staffers at all levels are tackling both internal and external projects. The DPW team is managing many projects, including replacing the Cedar Swamp refuse transfer station on the grounds near the corner of Second Street and Hilton Avenue. This is a multi-million dollar, once in four generations project and incredibly crucial to the smooth running of the east's residents sewage system. The Rec team is managing a busy schedule of fall team sports across the Village, keeping activities hopping at the Senior Center, manicuring the Central Section and getting ready to manage the installation of a new slide at the GC Pool. Engineers at the Building Department are responding to permit requests, inspecting locations in the business and residential sections of town and evaluating bids for reconstruction of the Western Fire House (which should be completed over the next two weeks or so). And of course the Finance unit is always crunching numbers, watching the inflows and the outflows and keeping the BOT advised on all major and minor budgetary matters.

Couple of quick notes: the Propel NY project continues apace and we remain in regular contact with senior members of the pathway team and expect to hear from them shortly on the latest footprint to be utilized within Village bounds; we hope to have a new Head of Rec and HR on board soon, as the search processes move toward conclusion; there's been no substantive movement re: the potential disposition of the Marine Corps property on Stewart Ave. We've had several contacts with the Marines over the past several months and are being assisted by our own Frank Tauches, Congresswoman Gillen's office and our lobbyists in Washington, D.C.

ST. PAUL'S TURF FIELD

At last Thursday's BOT meeting Asst. Superintendent of Rec & Parks Andy Hill presented details on the turf field proposed for the St. Paul's recreation complex. The field would be lined for soccer and boys and girls lacrosse and, as proposed, would sit 26 feet west of the playground. After considering numerous locations throughout the Village, we felt the St. Paul's field location best serves the needs of the players and is quite considerate of the residents contiguous to the field broadly. With close and ample parking and the comfort station nearby, we believe the location will be convenient for all, cause the least disruption and fit in nicely in the overall St Paul's field layout. The Landtek Group's proposed design, completely vetted by Village staff at all levels, will be on the BOT's October 9, 2025 agenda. To view the [presentation](#), please visit the Village website's Recreation & Parks page.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY & OPEN HOUSE

This year, Fire Prevention Week runs from October 5–11, 2025 and the theme is “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.” Lithium-ion batteries are everywhere—phones, tablets, tools, toys, even e-bikes. And while they bring great convenience, they can pose serious risks if not handled properly. It's all about learning how to buy, charge and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely so we can protect our homes and families. The event will feature tours of the fire station and

apparatus, demonstrations, fire safety education, kid-friendly activities, giveaways and more. Anyone interested in volunteering will have the opportunity to meet current members, learn about training and requirements, ask questions and sign up. Stop by Fire Headquarters Sunday, October 5, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

AIRPLANE NOISE PETITION

Airplane noise over our community has gotten significantly worse in recent years. The Environmental Advisory Board's Airplane Noise Sub-Committee is taking action — and we need your help. Please sign this [petition](#) today. Your signature will be sent to our elected officials to demand relief from the growing noise problem.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE VILLAGE

Do you have a passion for serving the Village in an impactful way? Our Village government is led by dedicated volunteers, from the Mayor and Village Trustees to the many members of our important Boards and Commissions. There are openings now and in the coming months on the following Boards: Planning Commission and Library Board. More information can be found about these positions on the Village [website](#). If you are interested, please send a resume and letter of interest by October 30th to Village Clerk Kelly Galanek at <mailto:kgalanek@gardencityny.net>.

TRUNK OR TREAT

The NYU Langone EMS team will host a haunted “Trunk or Treat” event on Friday, October 31, 2025 from 2 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Paul's, at Cluett Hall. The NYU EMS folks plan to decorate the ambulance, distribute candy, and teach basic first aid such as bleeding control and hands-only CPR.