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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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ENERGY AUDIT

I recently requested the Village Administrator and Building Superintendent begin an energy audit of all Village buildings to improve energy usage, as well as to seek NYSERDA grants and rebates for proposed energy conservation improvements. Local utility companies also have incentive programs for photovoltaic energy systems and electric automobile charging stations the Village will be investigating. Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi and Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello will be working to identify professionals who have expertise in this area, reaching out to government agencies such as NYSERDA and NYPA to tap into their resources. They also plan to seek information from other entities such as PSEGLI to understand what they offer customers looking to modernize and improve the efficiency of buildings through a combination of new technologies and infrastructure improvements. In addition, we will seek out other industry professionals and companies to look for opportunities in solar, electric vehicles and battery storage systems. The goal is to gather information and knowledge so that we can formulate capital improvements that will reduce operating costs of the Village.

EDGEMERE FIREHOUSE RFPs

Progress is continuing to be made on the implementation of the recommendations of the Fire Safety Committee I formed. The Edgemere Firehouse Request For Proposals (RFPs) were received by the Village and are currently under review. The RFPs were for the alteration and restoration of Station No. 2 based on the structural analysis prepared by Old Structures Engineering, P.C. and program developed with the Garden City Fire Department. Should you have any questions regarding the renovations that are proposed I suggest you contact Trustee Bruce Torino, who is the Fire Commissioner who assisted in this endeavor.

ST. PAUL'S RFP AND RESPONSES

The St. Paul's Request For Proposals (RFP) for a comparative analysis of building alteration and renovation versus demolition of the Saint Paul's Complex, along with three responses and progress drawings are all available for review on the Village website, www.gardencityny.net, under the "RFPs and Bids on Village Projects" tab on the left side of the homepage. The three posted responses came from AYON Studio Architecture + Preservation, Inc.; Westerman Construction Co., Inc.; and Acheson Doyle Partners Architects, P.C. The RFPs issued and the responses received were for the purposes of obtaining a professional cost estimator experienced with historic buildings. At the November 17th Board of Trustees meeting, Trustees will be asked to vote on securing the services of a professional cost estimator to evaluate adaptive reuse, façadism and demolition of the St. Paul's Main Building.

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON ST. PAUL'S TOWN HALL NOVEMBER 16

The Mayor's Committee on St. Paul's will hold its next Town Hall on November 16 at Garden City Middle School at 7:30 p.m. The Committee will hold a Q&A and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. For more information visit www.stpaulsreports.org. Residents are encouraged to attend the town hall meetings.

VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS

The Finance Department has temporarily moved due to Village Hall renovations. Documents for the Finance Department, such as applications or payments, (e.g., water and tax payments, parking permit applications, etc.), can be placed in a lock box located in the Building Department on the second floor of Village Hall, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. During off hours, documents may be placed in a lock box located at the Police Department. Any questions or requests for an in-person meeting with a member of the Finance Department, please call 465-4166 to schedule an appointment. The Village Clerk and Village Administrator have been relocated to the second floor of Village Hall.

DRUG COLLECTION

The Garden City Police Department participated in the DEA National Drug Take Back Day on October 29, 2022 and collected six large boxes of unwanted, expired, and unused drugs and medications. Adelphi University also participated in the event and collected one large box of pharmaceuticals.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

It's that time of year again. Change your clock, change your batteries. Changing and testing the batteries in your smoke

alarms when setting your clocks back an hour for daylight savings time can help save lives. The National Fire Protection Association reports that 71 percent of smoke alarms that failed to operate had missing, disconnected or dead batteries. Smoke alarms are a key part of your home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly. Smoke alarms save lives.

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has asked me to proclaim November as National American Indian/Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month in Garden City. In remembrance of the centennial of the 19th Amendment, we recognize the great contribution that the Native Americans have made to our Country, past and present.

GARDEN CITY TURKEY TROT

Long Island's largest Thanksgiving Day road race will mark its 45th anniversary this November in Garden City. Registration for the annual Garden City Turkey Trot, a longstanding community tradition, is underway at www.gcturkeytrot.com. The Turkey Trot consists of three races: the Challenger Division Race for special needs athletes, a 1.4 mile Fun Run and a 5 Mile Race. All three races start and finish in front of St. Paul's on Stewart Avenue. Pick up your race bib and race T-shirt on Wednesday night, Thanksgiving Eve, November 23, at St. Paul's between 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. Runners are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Turkey Trot Food Drive. New this year is a sneaker collection.

SOLICITATIONS

Cub Scout Pack 55 and Boy Scout Pack 55 will be conducting a door-to-door fundraiser selling poinsettias and wreaths through December 3, 2022. BSA Troop 322 will be conducting a door-to-door fundraiser selling packs of stationery cards featuring artwork by the Scouts from October 22 until distribution in December. Both groups are approved to solicit Mondays-Fridays 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Sundays 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Invited callbacks only between the hours of 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.