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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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The Board of Trustees and staff continue to work on numerous projects, including road improvements throughout the Village, including the Nassau Boulevard railroad station parking lot, the water tank replacement project, upgrades to the Garden City Pool, a stabilization plan for the former St. Paul's School building and other matters. I encourage you to attend Village Board of Trustees meetings; the schedule can be found on the Village's website, www.gardencityny.net.

ST. PAUL'S: THE NEXT STEPS

Through CNY, the recently hired construction manager, a short-term "temporary protection plan" is being developed to stabilize the physical buildings at the St. Paul's site for whatever purpose is eventually selected by the Board of Trustees.

In May, the design team conducted an FAA-approved drone flight at the site. As per our protocol when something out of the ordinary occurs all first responder agencies within the Village were notified as well as all the property owners' associations. The Garden City School District was also notified. The drone flew over the entire recreational area, but mainly captured views of the existing buildings. The information gathered will be used to guide and facilitate the next steps involved in stabilizing the building.

You will see an increase in activity at the site in the near future. In order to progress with the work recommended by CNY, the Board of Trustees approved the project and funds for fencing around St. Paul's. After receiving the approval, an order was placed with the fencing company the next day. There is a three to four week lead time on installation of the fence so we don't anticipate it being installed until the end of July, according to Public Works Superintendent Joseph DiFrancisco.

After consultation with the Project Manager an eight-foot high fence was ordered which will include protective screening around the entire length of it. The fence will encircle the entire building from the front steps of the building on the south side up to the roadway by the Recreation cottages to the north. It will run along Rockaway Avenue on the east side and along the west side of the building by Cluett Hall. There will be access gates for vehicles off of Rockaway Avenue and there will be a number of pedestrian entrances around the site.

This fence will help protect the site and protect anyone around the site as there will be heavy equipment being staged inside the fenced-in area that will be used in the process of stabilizing the building.

CATHEDRAL AVENUE PAVING

Nassau County began paving Cathedral Avenue on Friday, June 28th. Crews are paving the entire length of the roadway, from Fulton Avenue in Hempstead to Cherry Valley Avenue near Garden City Middle School.

PLEASE WATER OUR VILLAGE TREES

If you have recently had a tree planted in front of your home, **please take the time to water it.** The proper way to water is to first loosen the soil around the tree if it has become baked hard and then allow a hose to run at the base of the tree at a rate slow enough so that the water will be absorbed into the area around the tree trunk. If you are using a hose at the base of the tree, please do not block any village sidewalks to avoid injury to pedestrians.

Residents are reminded that watering hours are from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered days and even-numbered addresses on even-numbered days. Thank you for your cooperation.

SHOP AND DINE OUTDOORS IN GARDEN CITY

The residents of Garden City are very fortunate to have viable retail businesses on Seventh Street, Franklin Avenue and New Hyde Park Road where there is a good variety of quality merchandise and family dining experiences available to be enjoyed. Please support these businesses and enjoy the products, variety and outstanding customer service. Keep in mind that these merchants save you from traveling outside the Village for your needs.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Once again, compliments are due to the Recreation Department for arranging the 2019 season's outstanding Concert Series at the Village Gazebo, located on the Village Green at the corner of Stewart and Hilton Avenues. The concert schedule is as follows:

- July 11: Songs in the Attic - a tribute to Billy Joel
- July 18: Six Gun - Country music
- July 25: Shirley Alston Reeves - original lead singer of the Shirelles who had hits such as "Soldier Boy," "Will You Love Me Tomorrow" and "Mama Said"
- August 1: The Devotions - Songs from the 50s and 60s
- August 8: Manhattan Skyline - Contemporary mix of music from the 60s through the 80s

The program will begin at 7:15 p.m. Admission is free. Please bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a very pleasant evening. Concerts are held rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Cultural and Performing Arts Center in Cluett Hall at St. Paul's. Please call the Recreation Office at 465-4075 if you have any questions pertaining to the concert.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

During July and August the Board of Trustees meets once a month. The dates are Thursday July 18th and Thursday, August 15th at 8:00 p.m. These meetings are held in the Board Room at

Village Hall. I encourage all residents to attend Board of Trustees meetings so as to be thoroughly informed of Village issues from a first-hand perspective.