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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **ST. PAUL'S COMMITTEE WORK**

Two weeks ago I appointed Deputy Mayor Tom O'Brien, Trustees Marciano and Torino to be Liaisons to the Mayor's St. Paul's Committee to interface, observe and report to the Trustees on the status of the efforts of the St. Paul's Committee. I believe several of the other Trustees attended some of the committee work sessions to observe the extraordinary efforts by the subcommittee members. All of the volunteer residents have spent hundreds of hours to conduct research, outreach and prepare drawings for the potential adaptive reuse phase of St. Paul's Main Building. This is a tremendous effort and undertaking by a group of dedicated and experienced residents. The next phase of the Committee's work will be the review of potential demolition.

### **RAYMOND COURT PARKING**

On 31 August, I was contacted by Tim Hannify, the Director of the Garden City Thunder football League, because of a potential lack of parking for their Sunday games. I met with Mr. Hannify and Ms. Debbie Scattereggia, President of the Spirit Youth Cheer Squad, to discuss their issues and view the parking conditions. I also toured the fields, Raymond Court and the North Parking Lot with Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi, Building Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello, Recreation Commissioner Paul Blake and Public Works Superintendent Anthony DeRosa. Based on our discussion and my observations, I concluded opening the North Parking Lot for the Thunder Football games would best serve the Village and the residents. With the help of the Garden City Police and Recreation Departments the temporary use of the North parking Lot was accomplished. I was glad to learn several of the Trustees who did not want to open the North Parking Lot changed their minds.

### **MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON VILLAGE GOVERNANCE**

The Mayor's Committee on Village Governance will present its recommendations to the Board of Trustees at the October 13, 2022 Board meeting to be held at Village Hall and via Zoom. The Committee will make recommendations regarding term limits and Village Committees and Boards. I directed the Village Clerk to place on the Village's website the Reports submitted by the Committee in May 2022, together with all supporting documents, research, position papers and investigation developed by the Committee in support of said recommendations when received.

### **ASSOCIATE VILLAGE JUSTICE STEPHEN BUCARIA**

Mayor Cosmo Veneziale has appointed Peter Menoudakos to serve as Associate Justice for a term that began September 15 and will expire April 3, 2023. He replaces Stephen A. Bucaria who resigned September 13, 2022. Associate Justice Bucaria was appointed to serve the unexpired term of former Associate Justice Brian T. Deveney, who resigned in December 2021. Mr. Bucaria served as Associate Justice since January 13, 2022. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank Mr. Bucaria for his service.

### **OUTDOOR DINING COMMITTEE**

I was authorized by the Board of Trustees to establish an Outdoor Dining Committee composed of a Trustee, the Building Superintendent and three restaurant owners to investigate, report and make recommendations concerning Outdoor Dining prior to the next permit cycle. I will be making appointments shortly.

### **GCFD ACTIVITY**

Chief Matthew Pearn reported that during August the Department responded to 87 total calls:

- 79 "Signal 8" calls or non-emergency automatic alarms
- 0 general alarms
- 2 extrication calls where volunteers used extrication tools at motor vehicle accidents
- 6 mutual aid calls to assist neighboring Fire Departments

### **FLORENT: 555 STEWART AVENUE**

Ashley Daugherty, Asset Manager, Southern Land Company, Nashville, Tennessee, gave a PowerPoint presentation with regard to 555 Stewart Avenue during the September 15, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.

Florent at 555 Stewart Avenue will host 15 affordable housing units at 40%, 60% and 80% AMI. The initial prospective tenant selection will occur via lottery 60 days before anticipated certificate of occupancy. The Long Island Housing Partnership will advertise across the defined area. Read more on our Village website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).

**REVISED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES**

I advised there is a need to change some of the previously scheduled dates of the regular Board of Trustees meetings. The regular Board Meeting dates will be as follows:

- Thursday, October 13, 2022
- Thursday, October 27, 2022
- Thursday, November 17, 2022
- Thursday, December 1, 2022
- Thursday, December 15., 2022

Special Meetings may be called when necessary.