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## **THE MAYOR’S UPDATE**

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### **MAYOR’S COMMITTEE ON ST. PAUL’S HOSTING TOWN HALL OCTOBER 12**

The Mayor’s Committee on St. Paul’s will host its second Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 in the Garden City High School Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. Members will make a presentation on the Committee’s current progress and planning, including information about adaptive re-use. The Committee will also provide the next steps taking place in the analysis involved in studying a Facade concept and Demolition options, both of which will be presented at future Town Hall meetings. All residents are strongly encouraged to attend.

### **COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON VILLAGE TRAFFIC**

Community engagement and feedback are vital to the Garden City Satellite Study and Traffic Calming Master Plan. There are several ways residents can get involved. Fill out an online survey to help the Village better understand traffic safety issues in your community. The survey is open until November 2, 2022. [Click here to take the survey.](#) If you are interested in being more involved in the study, join one of the three Community Advisory Committees (CASs). For more information please contact Trustee Mary Carter Flanagan at [mcarterflanagan@gardencityny.net](mailto:mcarterflanagan@gardencityny.net). For updates, please visit the project website, <https://gardencitytrafficcalming.com/>.

### **LOCAL LAWS REGARDING LEAF BLOWERS, LANDSCAPER LICENSING**

In regard to the Village’s leaf blower restrictions between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and the Local Law regarding landscaper licensing, the Police Department conducted a warning period to educate companies and residents on the new laws followed by enforcement. Both Local Laws can be found [here](#). In addition, the Village Clerk’s Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation were very instrumental in identifying companies working without permits and contacting them to advise them of the new laws. During the enforcement period, the following tickets were issued:

18	Illegal use of gas leaf blowers
12	Landscaping in the Village without a permit
01	Starting work before permitted hours

The warning and enforcement periods, as well as the efforts of the Village Clerk’s Office and the Department of Recreation and Parks, were instrumental in increasing the number of companies with landscaping permits from 78 in June to the current total of 144.

### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

With the commencement of the 2022/2023 school year, Officers were assigned to the Garden City Police Department’s Back-to-School Enforcement Initiative during the month of September. During this initiative, Officers conducted traffic enforcement throughout the Village, with a concentrated effort in the vicinity of schools, bus stop locations, and along routes utilized by student walkers. Overtime subsidized by STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) Grants was utilized to assist with operation of this campaign. During this initiative Officers issued tickets for the following violations:

<b>Number of Tickets</b>	<b>Violation</b>
170	Excessive Speed in a School Zone
121	Excessive Speed
36	Passing Stop Signs/Red Traffic Lights
33	Unsafe Lane Usage
31	Driving with a Suspended/Revoked License
22	Driving with a Suspended/Revoked Registration
21	Disregarding Traffic Signs/Controls
15	Distracted Driving (Cell Phone/Electronic Device)
4	Passing School Buses with Lights Activated
2	Reckless Driving

## **FIRE PREVENTION DAY 2022**

Mark your calendars! Garden City Fire Department Fire Prevention Day will be on Sunday, October 16. Be sure to check back in the upcoming weeks about the day's activities and fire safety tips.

## **UPCOMING PSEG WORK IN THE VILLAGE**

PSEG Long Island continues to make improvements to its energy infrastructure in order to increase reliability and minimize outages. To improve reliability and strengthen the system, PSEG Long Island will install a new underground distribution cable and associated conduit. The project will also include work on the existing overhead distribution system. This work will upgrade the system to operate at a higher capacity, which will increase electric reliability and will support future load growth in the area.

### **Project Specifics**

- ✓ Installation of a new underground distribution exit cable within a duct-and-manhole system.
- ✓ Installation of underground distribution cable to make necessary service connections.
- ✓ Installation and replacement of pole-top equipment and switching in order to upgrade existing overhead circuits to operate at higher capacities.
- ✓ Replacement of approximately five existing wood poles with new wood poles that are similar in height, the installation of one wood pole in a new location, and the removal of one wood pole from an existing location.

### **Overhead Project Route**

- ✓ Poles will be replaced along Stewart Avenue, between Raymond Court and Quentin Roosevelt Boulevard.
- ✓ One new pole will be installed near the corner of Raymond Court and Stewart Avenue.

### **Underground Project Route**

- ✓ Crews will install a new underground distribution cable in the following area: From the PSEG substation on Stewart Avenue, traveling approximately 800 linear feet northwest through LIPA property and then along Stewart Avenue, connecting to a pole near 555 Stewart Avenue.

Crews will begin work in February 2023 with an expected completion date by June 2023. Crews are expected to work Monday through Friday, with the exception of work crossing Stewart Avenue, which will be done overnight to minimize traffic disruptions. In the event that a brief outage is required, all affected customers will be notified in advance. There may be traffic and parking disruptions while the work is performed along the project route. To ensure traffic moves safely, PSEG Long Island will provide cones, flaggers and signage at the work sites, as needed. Local officials will be notified in advance regarding any traffic concerns. Trees growing near power lines significantly increase the chance of power outages and pose safety risks. PSEG will trim trees, where necessary, following its utility best practice model: 8 feet to each side; 12 feet above; and 10 feet below the line. For information regarding this project, visit <https://www.psegliny.com/GardenCityC&RProject>.

## **THE GREAT GIVE BACK: CARDS AND LETTERS FOR VETERANS**

Volunteer and make cards and letters for veterans as part of The Great Give Back, a statewide initiative for Public Libraries to provide service-oriented opportunities to patrons. Teens can make cards and letters at home the week leading up to the Great Give Back, which will be held on Saturday, October 15. This program is for Grades 6-12 only. Registration is required and began October 3. The letters and cards made for veterans should be handmade. Each volunteer should make eight total letters/cards, one for each of the following seasons/holidays/themes:

- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving
- Winter Holidays/Season
- Valentine's Day
- St. Patrick's Day
- Spring Holidays/Season
- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July

Cards/letters made at home can be submitted at the Library until Saturday, October 15. Instructions and requirements for the cards will be available at the Library and also emailed to participants. Tweens and Teens in Grades 6-12 who submit eight handmade cards/letters will receive community service credit; they must submit their eight cards with a

volunteer form, which will be available at the Library until October 15. On Saturday, October 15, patrons can stop by the Library and make cards/letters while supplies last.

**COLUMBUS DAY CLOSING**

Village offices will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2022 in observance of Columbus Day. Regular sanitation collection this week. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

The Garden City Public Library will be closed on Sunday, October 9, 2022 and Monday, October 10, 2022 in observance of Columbus Day. The Library will reopen on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.