

April 5, 2023

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the residents who went out to vote on March 21<sup>st</sup>, and I look forward to serving as the Mayor of Garden City. A lot of wonderful things have been happening in our local government over the last two years, and I will work hard to continue and build on those efforts. We have seen a record number of Village residents following our Village government and participating in our elections, and it is my hope that many of you who are not yet actively volunteering in our local government will see this as a time to become more involved as we work together to preserve the quality of life we all enjoy in this wonderful community. Please reach out today by emailing [volunteer@gardencityny.net](mailto:volunteer@gardencityny.net) with your name and your areas of interest!

The recent campaign highlighted the need for advocacy on behalf of our Village as New York State threatens to take over our local zoning and Las Vegas Sands is proposing a 24/7 casino only a mile from our Village. Both of these would have a serious negative impact. I will lead our Board of Trustees to advocate against these threats and encourage residents to let their voices be heard by their elected representatives and in Albany.

While we have made progress over the last year in improving Village communications, I recognize that there is more work to be done. I will be forming a small communications committee to assist us with this effort at the next BOT meeting.

### **MAYOR'S COMMITTEES**

Our Village has seen unprecedented volunteerism in the community over the last two years with residents sharing their expertise and wisdom on issues of fire safety, the St. Paul's Main Building, governance, business development and the third track. With the end of the prior Mayor's term, I am ending all the Mayor's Committees, recognizing that committees can be reconstituted as needed by our Village.

**Fire Safety** – I want to thank all who brought their expertise to the Mayor's Committee on Fire Safety. Your detailed analysis and recommendations are of great value to the BOT and the Fire Department.

**St. Paul's** - A large group of volunteers have worked for more than a year on the important issue of our community reaching a decision on the fate of the St. Paul's Main Building. I want to thank those volunteers for all of their hard work, which resulted in multiple presentations and culminated in the hiring of a cost estimator. At this time we will move to the next stage where the Board of Trustees will be taking on a greater role, which will begin with a work session with the cost estimator prior to the report being finalized. While I am ending the Mayor's Committee at this time, we will be reaching out as needed for your input when issues arise within your areas of expertise. The Board of Trustees will also be discussing the possibility of reconstituting a committee to help move forward toward the promised vote on the St. Paul's Main Building. Thank you for your hard work.

**Governance** - Thank you to the Governance Committee for your hours spent on this important topic. We appreciate your guidance and will be addressing your recommendations during the next six months. It was over many years that community sentiment grew that reform of our one-party system was needed, and two years ago open elections were brought to the Village. Those open elections this year brought Village leaders from two different parties and an independent candidate. I recognize the importance of working together to reach a consensus on governance reform to ensure that our form of local government meets the needs of our community today and in the future.

**Third Track** - Thank you to the Third Track Committee whose members gave so much of their time and expertise to make sure we realized all opportunities to beautify the Merillon Avenue Train Station

neighborhood. A special thank you to Paul Rothenbiller who worked tirelessly to see the promised landscaping provided and to advocate for the connection of the islands, which will provide an additional buffer zone between the station and the homes that is so important to this area.

**Business Development** – Thank you to the Business Development Committee for all the work you have put into researching and analyzing our Village and the commercial properties that play such an important role in the community. I understand that your report is prepared and I look forward to hearing the details and recommendations.

I would like to thank the outgoing members of the BOT, Terry Digan, Tom O’Brien and Cosmo Veneziale, for their hard work for the Village of the last two years, and for being part of a new era in Garden City village governance where residents are promised open and fair elections. I welcome Ed Finneran, Michele Harrington and Mike Sullivan to the Board of Trustees. I am confident that the eight of us will work well together in service to the Village we all care so deeply about.

**TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The following required appointments (either by Village Code, State Law or other consideration) were made for the ensuing official year:

- Trustee Bruce J. Chester - Deputy Mayor
- Trustee Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr. - Second Deputy Mayor
- Trustee Bruce J. Chester - Fire Commissioner
- Trustee Michele B. Harrington and Mary Carter Flanagan - Chairpersons of the Environmental Review Board
- Trustee Bruce A. Torino - Liaison to the Library Board of Trustees
- Trustee Lawrence Marciano, Jr. - Police Commissioner

The following appointments for the ensuing official year:

- Liaison Officer to Public Works Charles P. Kelly
- Liaison Officer to Board of Commissioners and Cultural and Recreational Affairs Michael J. Sullivan
- Board of Police Commissioners Kenneth O. Jackson (Chair)  
Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr.  
Ralph V. Suozzi
- Traffic Commission Charles P. Kelly (C)  
Michael J. Sullivan  
Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr.  
Edward T. Finneran  
Kenneth O. Jackson  
John Borroni
- Finance and Audit Committee Michael J. Sullivan (C)  
Bruce J. Chester  
Bruce A. Torino  
Michele B. Harrington
- Committee to Fill Vacancies on Boards and Commissions Mary Carter Flanagan (C)  
Lawrence N. Marciano, Jr.

- Legal Committee Charles P. Kelly (C)  
Edward T. Finneran
- Public Information Committee - Includes  
Village Press Releases and Statements Mary Carter Flanagan (C)  
Michael J. Sullivan  
Edward T. Finneran

**UPDATED ROAD PAVING LIST**

The Village is trying to maintain a 20-year paving program in which all Village roads will have been paved within 20 years. It is important to note that this schedule is budget driven.

For each street within the Village, there are many variables that determine which roads are completed and chosen over other roads, according to Public Works Superintendent John Borroni. "It is not strictly a timing decision. Put simply, it is a function of the condition of the existing road, traffic loading, and how the road was originally constructed," he said.

For each street on this updated road paving list, if the Village budget is approved, the time frame is within this year and any remainder roads will be completed in the Spring of the following calendar year (all within the same fiscal year). The below list includes a few roads from the 2022-23 Fiscal Year and new roads for the 2023-24 paving program:

**EAST SECTION**

- Poplar Street (Washington Avenue to Clinton Road)
- Meadow Street (Main Avenue to Grove Street)
- Grove Street (Meadow Street to Brook Street)
- Lindbergh Street (Meadow Street to Village Line)
- Commander Avenue (Meadow Street to Village Line)
- Stewart Avenue (Franklin Avenue to Clinton Road)

**CENTRAL SECTION**

- Street off of Rockaway Avenue (Rockaway Avenue to Dead End)

**ESTATES SECTION**

- Main Avenue/Merillon Avenue (Nassau Boulevard to Meadbrook Road)
- Roxbury Road (North Avenue to Main Avenue)
- North Avenue (Dead End to Euston Road)
- Oxford Boulevard (North Avenue to Merillon Avenue)
- Wellington Road (North Avenue to Merillon Avenue)

**WEST SECTION**

- Salisbury Avenue (New Hyde Park Road to Village Line)
- Roosevelt Street (Amherst Street to Plaza Road)

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN GARDEN CITY**

Here are some events and meetings taking place this week in Garden City:

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8** at 10:00 a.m. St. Paul’s Fields - Recreation and Parks Easter Egg Hunt

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9** 1-3 p.m. Franklin Avenue and Seventh Street - 68th Easter Day Vintage Car Parade

**MONDAY, APRIL 10** 1:30 p.m. Monday Movie Matinée *The Verdict* Garden City Public Library

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11** 12-2 p.m. Learn how to use Library services Libby, Hoopla and Flipster at the Garden City Public Library. [Register](#)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11** 2:30 p.m. Senior Center Chair Dancing with Felicia in St. Paul's Cottage #110

**TUESDAY - FRIDAY APRIL 11-14** Revised Pickleball hours (Tuesday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon; Thursdays 3 to 5:30 p.m.; and Fridays 5 to 8:30 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12** 3:00 p.m. Senior Center Chess Club in the St. Paul's North Cottage

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13** 3:15 p.m. Senior Center Zumba Gold with Andrea in Cluett Hall