

June 21, 2023

The long awaited clarifying report from Westerman Construction was received on Friday, June 16, the day after our last Board of Trustees meeting of the month. I shared in last week's column some of the concerns the Board had regarding the residents being misled by what was previously posted as a "final" report. It was my hope that a report could have been shared with residents that was crystal clear as to the cost estimates. Regrettably, we did not receive that, though there is some added clarity.

I plan to discuss with the other members of the Board of Trustees this weekend how we can present this report to the community without causing confusion as to what the costs are associated with Adaptive Reuse, Façadism and Demolition. As you may have guessed, the easiest cost to estimate is for demolition, and it is undisputed that additional funds will be needed to provide a complete cost estimate on either adaptive reuse, partial preservation or façadism.

Early Tuesday evening, I had the opportunity to briefly tour the St. Paul's Main Building. It was the first time I had ever been inside the building, though I have lived in the Village for nearly five decades. I was joined by two other Trustees, one of whom was on the St. Paul's Committee, who had also never been inside the building. My decision to go into the building was largely to confirm the condition of the stained glassed windows in the Chapel that have often been mentioned as one of the jewels of the building.

Over the last two years, we have been asked about whether the Village is taking steps to remove, temporarily or permanently, the Tiffany windows. The Westerman Construction report does recommend that stained glass windows be shored up or removed and salvaged for future restoration. Upon reviewing Village documents and visiting the Chapel this week, it is confirmed that there is a Tiffany studio double-lancet stained glass window topped with a smaller circular window (or oculus) in the Chapel. I look forward to working quickly to address this recommendation as we move towards hearing community input on the future of the St. Paul's Main Building.

#### **2023 LANDSCAPING PERMITS**

As you may know, last March the Village passed a law which requires all landscapers who work in the Village to obtain a Village of Garden City license. In an effort to encourage compliance with this law, we are asking residents to make sure that their landscaper is properly licensed by the Village. On the Village website, [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net), is a current listing of the landscapers licensed to work within the Village. We are asking that you please review the listing and make sure that your landscaper is on it. Although we already have over 170 companies registered with the Village Clerk's Office, we still need your help to ensure your landscaper knows that they must have a Village of Garden City license before they can work on your property.

#### **MEET AND GREET WITH VILLAGE TRUSTEES JUNE 28**

There will be a Meet and Greet on Wednesday, June 28 at the Village Senior Center on Golf Club Lane at 7:30 p.m. The Meet and Greet is a great opportunity for residents to engage directly with members of the Board of Trustees. These meetings do not have an agenda; Trustees are available to discuss multiple issues and concerns. We will be joined by Assemblyman Edward P. Ra, who will share a report on the legislation session in Albany and also be available for questions.

#### **LIFEGUARD TRAINING CLASSES AT THE POOL**

Are you 15 years of age and interested in becoming an American Red Cross certified CPR and AED professional rescuer and a Red Cross certified lifeguard? The Pool offers two, four-week sessions for lifeguard training. The first session begins Tuesday, June 27 (6-9 p.m.) and the second begins Tuesday, July 25 (6-9 p.m. except where noted). Sign ups began June 10 in the Pool Office. A qualifying pretest is required to enter a class. For more information, inquire at the Pool Office. The fee for this program is \$275. You must be a Pool member to take the lifeguard training classes.

#### **WATER CONSERVATION**

Residents will soon be receiving a flier in the mail encouraging water conservation this summer. Did you know water use is three times higher than during non-irrigation months? As we enter summer, we are aware that many residents and other water users have lawn sprinkler systems. The Garden City Water Department encourages residents to comply with the Village's schedule for lawn watering during the high season. Irrigation is permitted on alternate odd and even-numbered days as mandated by Nassau County. Homeowners with odd-numbered addresses may water their lawns only on odd-numbered days. Homeowners with even-numbered addresses, or premises with no numbers, are permitted to

water their lawns only on even-numbered days. Residents are reminded that watering hours are from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cooler temperatures and minimal wind at these times allow water to soak deeply into the soil without much evaporation.

**EVENT THIS WEEK IN GARDEN CITY**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23** 6:00 p.m. “School’s Out For Summer” [promenade](#) on Seventh Street

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. [Defensive Driving Course](#) with the Empire Safety Council at the Library [Registration is required](#)

**MONDAY, JUNE 26** 10:00 a.m. Senior Citizens Day at the Pool for Senior members and at 12:00 p.m. for Senior resident non-members. All guest fees apply

**MONDAY, JUNE 26** 1:30 p.m. [Monday Movie Matinee](#) *84 Charing Cross Road* at the Library

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27** 11:15 a.m. [Chair Yoga](#) with Maggie at the Senior Center for residents ages 60 and older

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27** 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. [Art Lecture](#) with Mary Maguire at the Library

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. [Adult Movie Night: \*The Hundred-Foot Journey\*](#) at the Library

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27** 6:30 p.m. Architectural Design Review Board Meeting at Village Hall

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27** 8:30 p.m. Movie at the Pool: *Lyle Lyle Crocodile*. Admission \$2 for members and \$4 for guests of members

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28** 7:30 p.m. Meet and Greet with Village Trustees at the Senior Center