



## THE ST. PAUL'S SENTINEL

*Honoring and preserving our community's heritage*

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### **ST. PAUL'S FAQs**

**Q.** *I heard the Trustees already approved the demolition of St. Paul's...so why should I vote?*

**A:** Mayor Donald T. Brudie, who supports saving St. Paul's, assures us that "the fate of St. Paul's is not sealed." He has said, "The Board of Trustees has consistently and repeatedly said they will abide by the will of the residents. We have no reason to doubt that they will honor their promise to the residents." **We need to show strong opposition to the April 27 bond referendum. Your vote counts!**

**Q.** *What could happen to the site?*

**A.** Anything can happen. It could remain vacant, open space, or become a parking lot. The real fear is that it would be a prime location for a developer, and by taking St. Paul's down, we're doing the dirty work for a developer. But, if we save it, we could have a unique community center. A modest, Phase 1 plan could preserve and protect the entire building and give us multi-purpose community rooms and a beautiful chapel where special events can be held. It could be a place for seniors and teens, social groups, high school reunions, Veterans functions and scout meetings. We could host art exhibits, movies, lectures and dance recitals. And, with a little entrepreneurship, we could make these spaces revenue-producing as well.

**Q.** *How would demolishing St. Paul's affect my property values?*

**A.** According to Realtors, the presence of Garden City's historic structures makes this community strongly desirable, and as a result, helps maintain our property values. The loss of St. Paul's will undoubtedly detract from our distinctive appeal. It's been estimated that demolishing St. Paul's would cause our property values to decrease by 1% or more. "Lower property values" means "higher taxes" for all homes in order to support the Village budget.

**When you stop investing in your community, that's when property values decline. Our investment in our homes is at stake.** Even the Village-commissioned Environmental Impact Statement clearly states that demolition will have "a serious adverse impact on historic resources, aesthetic resources, and community character."

**The Mayor asks that residents show him and the Trustees that "they want to save St. Paul's by voting NO on the bond referendum to fund demolition of this iconic piece of Garden City history."**

**THE COMMITTEE TO SAVE ST. PAUL'S,**  
**THE GARDEN CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY,**

**THE EASTERN PROPERTY OWNERS FOR SAVING ST. PAUL'S AND  
THE CENTRAL PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (CPOA)**

**URGE YOU TO**

**VOTE "NO"**

**ON THE APRIL 27 REFERENDUM TO AUTHORIZE BONDS TO DEMOLISH ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL**

**NOON-9 P.M.**

**THE FIELDHOUSE AT THE ST. PAUL'S RECREATION COMPLEX**

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS E-NEWSLETTER TO THOSE INTERESTED IN PRESERVING ST. PAUL'S AS PART  
OF OUR LEGACY TO OUR CHILDREN AND FUTURE VILLAGE RESIDENTS.**

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