

## THE ST. PAUL'S SENTINEL

### *Honoring and preserving our community's heritage*

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**"WE'RE ALL DIGNIFIED BY A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING,"**

RESIDENT BRIDGET COYNE, SPEAKING ABOUT  
THE HISTORIC ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL



#### MEETING ALERTS

Peter Negri, president of the Committee to Save St. Paul's, will be a guest speaker at the Central Property Owners Association's first fall meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, September 12. He will make a brief presentation and bring residents up to date on the Committee's progress. The CPOA meets at the Garden City Senior Center on Golf Club Lane at 8 p.m. The Central section's trustees, Thomas Lamberti and Donald Brudie, are usually in attendance, so this meeting represents an opportunity for discussion about St. Paul's

The next meeting of the Village Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, at 8 p.m. at Village Hall. Please make an effort to attend.

#### FAMILIES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Members of Families for St. Paul's will have a table set up at the children's playground near the soccer fields at the St. Paul's complex on the last three Saturdays this month (September 16, 23, and 30). Residents are invited to stop by and see a display of photographs taken inside historic St. Paul's. In addition, information will be available about the 125-year-old building and the efforts of the Committee to Save St. Paul's. They plan to have giveaways for the children, too. You won't be able to miss the group...they'll have balloons to mark their table site and the volunteers will be wearing Families for St. Paul's yellow logo t-shirts, designed by Garden City artist Suzie Alvey.

#### ANOTHER COMMUNITY'S FORESIGHT

With the official opening of its village park this week, East Hills joins several other forward-thinking communities in Nassau County that have developed a unique location for resident use. Nine years ago, village officials heard that the military was considering closing a base in their area. That was the spark that ignited their vision to turn that space into a community facility. During the journey, the voters approved a bond referendum to pay for the park's construction. Today, the 50-acre site includes an Olympic-size pool, 6 tennis courts, soccer and softball fields, and a nature trail, and the East Hills Village Hall, Village court and public works building are centralized there. Mayor Michael Koblenz reports that the park has brought the community together—giving it a new center and a place for neighbors to come and interact. The park is exclusively for the village's 7,000 residents who use photo IDs with embedded chips to gain entrance.

#### GOING TO A BLOCK PARTY?

Many Garden City neighborhoods celebrate fall by getting together for block parties. These gatherings are excellent occasions to talk to friends and acquaintances about the important issue of keeping the entire St. Paul's property under public control for public use. The Committee to Save St. Paul's is collecting signatures of supporters on petitions, which will be delivered to Senator Kemp Hannon, to express our community's desire to save the historic St. Paul's building for resident use. Please contact Maureen Traxler, our Committee's Administrative and Communications Director ([mtraxler@optonline.net](mailto:mtraxler@optonline.net) or 319-1906) to arrange to have petition sheets delivered to you, so you can collect signatures at your local block party. The Committee will also arrange to have the signed petitions picked up from you at your convenience. There's strength in numbers...let's show we are a united force.

#### CONTACTING SENATOR KEMP HANNON

Through a miscommunication with Senator Hannon's office, the Committee to Save St. Paul's conveyed incorrect information in our e-newsletter last week. We apologize for any inconvenience.

If you are emailing the Senator to let him know your feelings on the St. Paul's issue, please contact him at [Hannon@senate.state.ny.us](mailto:Hannon@senate.state.ny.us). That is his direct email and, we are assured, he reads all communications. The Senator's website is [www.KempHannon.com](http://www.KempHannon.com).

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*Donations accepted to "St. Paul's Conservancy Corp." All donations are tax deductible.*