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More pics from the East Rotary Pancake Breakfast





East Rotary Volunteers prepare breakfast and ticket sales!





Woodlawn Park Volunteers strike a pose and partake in food!







A Message From Neighborhood Association President:





Our Annual Woodlawn Garage Sale, is scheduled for the weekend of May 16 & 17. Last year was one of our largest events ever with nearly 200 homes participating! Permits can be purchased at the Sunoco Gas/Food Mart on 2501 Albany Street and at Grasso's Barber Shop on 2506 Albany Street. The cost of the permit is still \$10.00. Remember, you must have a permit issued by the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association in order to participate in this very popular event. As a bonus, your address will be listed on our map if you purchase before May10!

Free maps will be available at Sunoco Station & Grasso's Barber Shop

We're planning our next neighborhood meetings. Our tentative schedule is to have Police Chief Brian A. Kilcullen for the May meeting and the Chair of the city's Recreational Advisory Commission, Rich Patierne for the June meeting.



Reminder to vote for the school budget and Board of Education

Tuesday, May 19

Polls are open from 12—9 PM

A special "thank you" to the Schenectady Rotary East for the wonderful pancake breakfast that was held at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall. The proceeds from the event are being awarded to the Woodlawn Park Committee! Over 200 breakfasts were served to folks from throughout our community. Thank you again for your continued support and of course to the many volunteers who helped throughout the morning! Look inside this edition for some great photos from the event.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at home, 377-8810. I will make every attempt to return your call as soon as possible.

Ed Kosiur—President, Woodlawn Neighborhood Association

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Woodlawn Preserve

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July 25th 9 am to 2 pm – DEC is sponsoring a Fishing Education Day. The will bring fishing poles and bait and hold a fishing clinic from 9 am until 11 am, and there will be plenty of time afterwards to put what is learned into practice. This event is open to all ages, and no fishing license is required. Food and refreshments will be provided.

As always, please report any suspicious or illegal activity to the Schenectady Police non-emergency number 630-0911. Please note this is a new number; it was changed when they went to a centralized call center. Our Region #4 DEC reps are Chris Valenty and Brian Wilson; they can be reached at 357-2047.

Janet Chen 210-5439

Woodlawn Gathers for Pancake Breakfast!









Breakfast sponsored by Schenectady East Rotary to benefit Woodlawn Park

MANY THANKS TO THE EAST ROTARY

The Golden Ear—By John Rose This Is A Gossip Column





Did you know these facts about Woodlawn? In addition to being a wonderful place to live and work, Woodlawn neighborhood has a population of about 9.000 people and approximately 4,000 housing units. The neighborhood consists of approximately 1,239 acres. It has 4 schools, Woodlawn Elementary, Paige Elementary, Brown School and Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons High School. It also has 2 golf courses, city owned Municipal Golf Course located on Golf Road and Stadium Golf Course on the end of Jackson Avenue. We have one fire station, Fire Station #2, located at 1515 State Street. We also have a terrific library, Woodlawn Branch Library, at 2 Sanford Street. There is one city park on Kings Road called Woodlawn Park, where the Woodlawn Neighborhood Picnic is held every August. There is the Woodlawn Preserve at the end of Gifford Road where we have 137 acres, with a 7 acre pond loaded with fish. There is also a small area called the Amy Lemaire Woods which is 16 acres on the corner of Fehr Avenue and Golf Road Some volunteers are planning to clear trails there this summer. If you are interested in helping or would like more information please call Aaron Pause at 708-3014.

On a sad note, Gaylord's Tavern located on State Street and Lorraine Avenue has closed after over 50 years of business due to the death of the owner, Duke Gaylord. Hopefully arrangements can be made where this great business can reopen.

Don't forget to get your permits for the annual garage sale at the Albany Street Sunoco and Grasso's Barbershop at the corner of Albany Street and the Crosstown. Permits are \$10.00.

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Other Events at the Ancient Order of the Hibernians Hall

<u>May</u>

1st - the Pub Players are in the pub playing - free (they love sing-alongs)

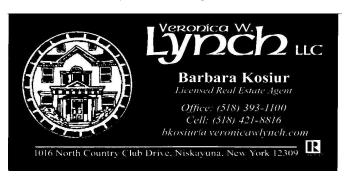
 ${\bf 14th}$ - The Saw Doctors are in the house - doors open at 6pm with pub food and the music begins at 7pm

16th - A Pub Crawl to benefit Patriot Hills - \$25 Contact PatriotHillsNY.com for information and registration Free cab rides are being provided as needed

<u>June</u>

6th - Schenectady Celtic Heritage Days - we are combining with Mabee Farm for an event from 11am to 7pm - \$10 per car allows access to all the areas on the farm - music, craft vendors, food and beverage vendors, educational displays and demonstrations, genealogy lecture and questions answered, story tellers and children's activities, re-enactors

27nd - Barbeque from 4pm to 7pm; followed at 7pm by cigar and whiskey tasting - contact schenectadyaohevents@gmail.com for more details



Woodlawn Preserve

Friends of the Woodlawn Preserve:

We have signed off on the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Schenectady, Friends of the Woodlawn Preserve, and the Albany Pine Bush Commission. This has been a long time coming, and promises for a very fruitful working relationship. The Woodlawn Preserve has long been recognized for its biodiversity, and as it is situated just adjacent to the Albany Pine Bush the two areas form a natural partnership. We are grateful to have come so far and have high hopes for a long and successful relationship that can be of benefit to both areas.

Spring is here, and with spring comes the formation of vernal ponds. Also known as vernal pools, they are temporary pools of water that provide habitat for distinctive plants and animals. They are considered a distinctive type of wetland usually devoid of fish, and so allow the development of young amphibian and insect species that cannot withstand competition or predation by fish. Steven Rice, a professor of biology at Union College and member of the Albany Pine Bush Commission has recently requested permission to study some of the vernal ponds within the Woodlawn Preserve.

Our goal for the summer is to complete the handicapped accessible trail leading to the pier that was completed last fall. It will offer a wonderful view of the pond for those who are now unable to see much of anything from the end of the asphalt road. Donations for this project are gladly accepted at Grassos Barber Shop, or send by mail to Friends of the Woodlawn Preserve, 809 Karenwald Lane, Schenectady, NY 12309. We are a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, so your donations can be tax deductible.

We are planning on some upcoming events within the Preserve, and we will be tabling at events in the local area. Here is what is on our calendar to date:

May 9th 10 am to 2 pm – Alpha Delta Lambda, a philanthropic sorority at Union college, will be helping us with a clean up in the Preserve. We can do this at a leisurely pace as we explore the Preserve, its history, and all it has to offer.

May 16th 11 am to 5 pm – Richard and Susan Baker will host a table for the Friends of the Woodlawn Preserve at the Albany Pine Bush Lupine Fest Block Party. The lupine will be in bloom; music by the Refrigerators, the Albany Mounted Police unit will be there, as well as educational tours and other community partners. The cost is free.

May 16th and 17th – the annual Woodlawn Neighborhood Garage Sale. We will have a table in the Woodlawn Park. Help support the Park and Preserve by purchasing a reusable shopping bag and filling it with all the treasures you find in the large collection of unique stuff the Park has put together.

June 6th – Raymour and Flannagan will be hosting a fundraiser for the Woodlawn Preserve. There will be a raffle of baskets filled with great stuff – you will be able to purchase tickets at the store on the 6th where we will have an informational table and the baskets on display. Winners need not be present to win. More information is forthcoming. (con't on p. 21)



Thanks for Recycling, Woodlawn!

A hearty thank you: To Recycling Ambassadors & other Woodlawn leaders, Ed Kosiur, Lou Grasso, & Spero Zoulas! For donations & free market pails for recycling—Hannaford, Price Chopper, Blue Ribbon Diner, Kingsway Arms! To our libraries for

information & container stickers! To all who recycle & help neighbors join in! Thanks to the City for partnering with us!

All Woodlawn pilot streets participated above 50%, at least, when surveyed on trash collection days. Follow-up is in progress with survey and door-to-door. Why not join with another person or your organization to sign up for a street that shows a low percent of participation. It's a perfect time to volunteer and to encourage trash separation: less is in your trash can with your care to recycle in paper and container bins/pails (with sticker labels). Schenectady Recycles! distributes *free pails* to those who want them. While not large, they are easy to lift, can be organized by children, and can be set out each collection day.

4 Pilot streets surveyed by Camy Wychoff include Alice St. at 90% recycle rate! Way above average are King's Road, surveyed by **Spero Zoulas** 4 consecutive weeks, then visited by Nancy Peterson & Roberta Farrell; Eastholm up 15 % on the follow-up survey this spring and Marriott up 2 points, Pat Golden and Roberta Farrell. Recycling on Fenwick % Teller is strong, surveyed by Edna and Bill Gosier. Congrats, also, to Nassau! Thank you, Halsey and Bradford, visited by Will Seyse. More soon! Sincerely,

Roberta Farrell, Woodlawn Recycling Pilot lead for SR!

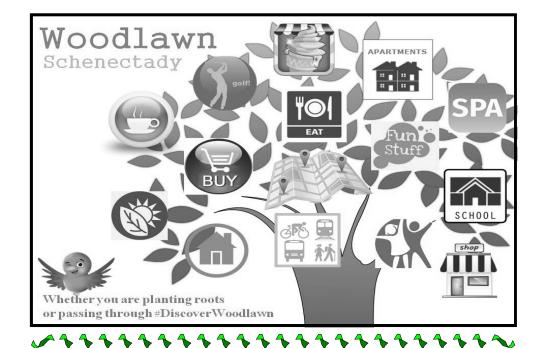
For information or to join Schenectady Recycles!, email admin@schenectadyrecycles.org , see http://www.schenectadyrecycles.org or call 313-2546. Also on Facebook- https://www.facebook.com/schenectadyrecycles General meetings are 1st Tuesdays of the month at The Hibernians, from 6:30-8:00.

Thank you to the volunteers for coming out for park's cleanup...









FOURTH ANNUAL WOODLAWN PARK GARAGE SALE **EVENT IN THE PARK!!**

Donate your unwanted household items for a great cause...

Donation Drop-Off Days at Woodlawn Park Friday, May 8th (5:30-7:30 pm) & Saturday, May 9th (10am - 2pm)

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Handy hint 2 - "Flexible vacuum"

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Handy hint 3 - "Fend off Weeds"

Instead of tossing your daily rag in the recycling bin, use the newspaper as mulch and deter noxious weeds. Simply wet the sheets and layer around your plants and garden beds, covering with soil as you go. The weeds won't be able to get through the wet newspaper layers.

These and other great household tips at http://www.kidspot.com.au/category/lifestyle/home/

Annual Spring Cleanup at Woodlawn Park!







Volunteers out in force!!

Thank you to the volunteers of Woodlawn and Union College

More pics on pg. 18

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If you have any suggestions pertaining to any of these committees, call the Chairperson or mail them to:

Woodlawn Neighborhood Association 2506 Albany Street, Schenectady, NY 12304

MEETING SCHEDULE ~ 2015

General Neighborhood Association meeting at 7 PM on the 4th Wednesday of every month at the **Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall**, **1748 State Street**. (No general meeting in August/Dec/Jan)

Woodlawn Park and Woodlawn Preserve committee meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of every month as well @ Hibernian Hall (1748 State Street). *Meetings start at 6 PM.*

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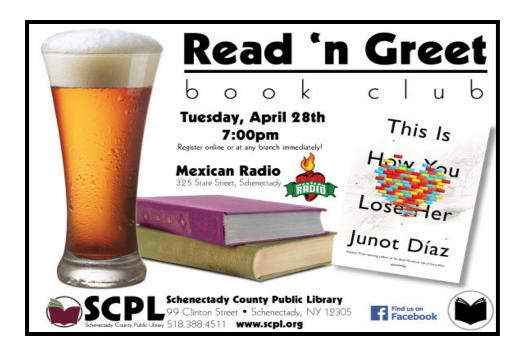
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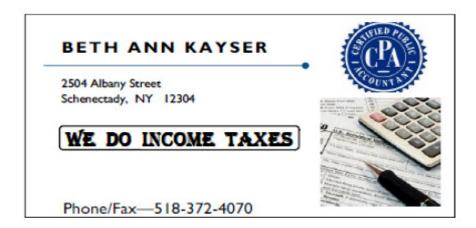
WOODLAWN – The West Side Story By Marcel

Winter certainly had a strong hold on us; and in the process exacting a heavy toll on our streets. In the past, my driving strategy consisted of pot hole avoidance. I would navigate to either side of pot holes. However, this winter, pot holes exist everywhere. My new strategy is to pick and drive over those shallowest of pot holes in an attempt to minimize damage. Since few streets have no damage, I can't imagine how the city will be able to fix our streets when warmer weather arrives. We will certainly have to pay more tax money for repair materials and labor.

Please note that any pot hole damage reimbursement claim will only receive consideration if the city is aware of the pot hole. The City of Schenectady mandates that the reporting process must be in writing and addressed to Arthur Clay, Superintendent of Streets either at City Hall, 105 Jay Street or email aclay@schenectadyny.gov. The Gazette recently reported that most claims are refused for this reason. As a precaution, we should all report the existence of pot holes in our area.

Two long established Woodlawn businesses have closed: Gaylord's Tavern and the Subway shop located on State and Fehr Avenue.

Till next time...



Woodlawn Park

Park's Annual Garage Sale - Taking Donations ~ Playground Initiative!

Spring is finally making an appearance! What better way to bring in the new season than to clear out that clutter. And it's the best time of the year. Why, you ask? Because it's time to donate all your unwanted and no longer needed household items to the Woodlawn Park Redevelopment Committee. As we gear up for the park's Fourth Annual Garage Sale, we're looking to break new records and help grow our pot towards the park's future redevelopment of the playground area. This year, we will be accepting donation of household items at the park on Friday, May 8th from 5:30-7:30 pm and Saturday, May 9th from 10 am-2 pm. We got many great items last year and we want to build on the success of past years' sales. We will be accepting furniture, kitchenware, shelving, tables, bikes, games, books, and many other household items. Make sure to stop on by and give to the cause.

We'd like to send out a **HUGE THANK YOU TO the Schenectady East Rotary!** They just recently held their annual pancake breakfast and decided to sponsor the Woodlawn Park Playground initiative. The breakfast was a great success and we thank the Woodlawn and greater community for its support as well. We will make sure to recognize their support once the new playground goes into our park.

The Recreational Advisory Commission - a commission put together by Mayor McCarthy - held its first meeting of the year. The commission is tasked with looking at the city's parks to inventory their programs and playgrounds. The commission will be making recommendations to the mayor and city council on investments into the park's playgrounds. This will be a multi-year campaign and the commission is currently working on visiting all the city's parks and reaching out to the city's neighborhood associations for further input.

As the volunteers plan ahead, we encourage the community to lend a hand. We just held our annual Spring cleanup in late April to prepare the park for the coming summer. Looking ahead, we will be having project days - planting, painting, installation of arbors, etc. - in the park to prepare for the upcoming Summer Youth program run by the Boys and Girls Club of Schenectady as well as the summer lunch program sponsored by SICM. We are also planning to make a second run at holding another movie night in the park along with a pre-movie treasure hunt for kids and another back-to-school basketball tournament in the park. So please be sure to check our facebook page for the latest details to volunteer for any of our project days as well as upcoming events at the park.

We lastly would like to thank the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association for providing volunteer shirts for those working events in Woodlawn. These t-shirts will easily identify volunteers for those who may need assistance at any of our fundraiser days and events.

We thank you for your ongoing support!

Warm regards,

Spero Zoulas - Chair of Woodlawn Park Redevelopment Committee *Woodlawn Park* ~ *located at intersection of Kings Road & Ricci Avenue* Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WoodlawnParkSNY

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- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 6 National Teacher's Day
- 8 VE Day, WW II
- 10 Mother's Day
- 16 Armed Forces Day
- 25 Memorial Day
- 25 Victoria Day (Canada)

June

- 6 D Day, WWII
- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Ramadan begins
- 21 Father's Day
- 19 Juneteenth Day
- 21 Summer Solstice
- (Longest day of the year!)











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