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A Message From Neighborhood Association President:

Recycling Coming to OUR Neighborhood!

On **Tuesday**, **November 18**, Schenectady Recycles! will present to the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association meeting with information and perhaps the answers to some of your questions about recycling.

We will discuss our annual Holiday dinner which is to be held on **Tuesday**, **December 16** at the Kingsway Community at our November meeting. Remember, this is limited to immediate members of the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association only. You must sign-up at our November meeting please! **Seating is limited to 60 folks**. A waiting list will be established after. You may also contact Lou Grasso at 346-6775 or at his barber shop at 2506 Albany Street.

Finally, please remember to vote on Election Day, Tuesday November 04. Polls are open from 6 AM until 9 PM. If you need any information regarding your polling place or you are in need of a ride to the polling site, please contact the Schenectady County Board of Elections at 377-2469.

It is because of the numerous (too many to even mention!) volunteers to the Woodlawn community, we are perhaps the most proud neighborhood in the City. Please, if you are interested even in the smallest way; do not hesitate to stop in at our monthly meeting, the Woodlawn Park/Preserve folks or even to lend a hand at our numerous clean-up events. Contact names/numbers are listed throughout this booklet.

Reminder, our association meetings are now on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 7 PM. At our "new" location—Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 1748 State Street.

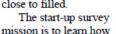
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at home, **377-8810**. I will make every attempt to return your call as soon as possible.

Ed Kosiur—President, Woodlawn Neighborhood Association

WOODLAWN RECYCLES!!!

Woodlawn leads the way

The city's Woodlawn recycling pilot is in motion! There is a neighborhoodwide focus to reduce waste, increase recycling and decrease garbage-can waste. Visit your Woodlawn Library for information, and see below. Landfill tonnage rates rise continually, and, of the two area landfills, one is close to filled



From left, Cole Denning, Roberta Farrell, Rick Robinson, Patrick Golden, Linda Wolfe, and Spero

Schenectady Recycles! will help you and how you can encourage others! Free pails are available throughout Woodlawn if the cost of recycling bins is a drawback (\$5—8 each). Requests are filled in order, and as pails are replenished.

Thanks to donors for providing pails/lids: Hannaford, Price Chopper, Blue Ribbon



etc. that you will receive in a dropbag prior to their doorstep visit. No money or products Joyce Whitson, Steve Carmel, Linda are involved, and a minute or two is all that's needed! While only one or two will

stop by, many have contributed ideas and

Diner, Kingsway Arms, and Niskayuna Coop! Thanks to the many Woodlawn recyclers! Thanks to Ed Kosiur, president of the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, for providing doorknob bags to hold recycling literature.

The streets for the first phase of the pilot are: King's Road, Greeley, Halsey, Bradford, Frank, Gifford, Maryvale, Dearborn, Fenwick, Teller, Nassau, Marriott and Eastholm

Recycling Ambassadors will show their badges, and will follow up on the letter.

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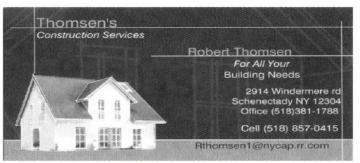
work for this pilot. We look forward to your input! Call 313-2546 to help as a Woodlawn Recycling Ambassador. We need you!

- Roberta Farrell, lead for Woodlawn Project, Schenectady Recycles!

Schenectady Recycles! is made up of concerned residents who want to improve the recycling rate of the city of Schenectady. For information or questions or to join our effort, email admin@schenectadyrecycles.org or call 313-2546. You can also find more information on recycling at http://www.schenectadyrecycles.org or http://www.schenectadycounty.com/recycling



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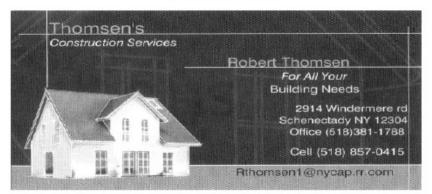
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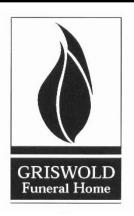
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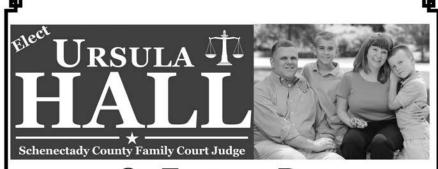
A simple and easy home survey is completed in your home.

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



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THE WOODLAWN NEIGHBORHOOD NEW MEETING PLACE IS THE HIBERNIAN HALL AT 1748 STATE ST. IT'S HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE. COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT AND ALL FUTURE MEETINGS. THE MEETINGS ARE THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM. COME EARLY AND YOU MAY PURCHASE A DRINK AT THEIR BAR OR STAY AND HAVE A DRINK. I'LL SEE U THERE. I WILL BE WEARING A YELLOW HAT

COME TO THE WOODLAWN PRESERVE AND SEE THE NEW COMPLETED FISHING AND OBSERVATION PLATFORM BUILT BY WOODLAWN VOLUNTEERS AND BY OUR MASTER CARPENTER STEVE HARRIS WITH A DONATION FROM OUR ANONYMOUS DONOR, JOHN. ALSO, MANY THANKS TO COLE, DAVE, CHAD & SPERO.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER; WHAT HAPPENED TO I HOP. IT HAS CLOSED. ANSWER. MAYBE BECAUSE BLUE RIBBON HAS THE BEST BREAKFASTS IN WOODLAWN.

IN MY OPINION, I HOPE AND PRAY THAT SCHENECTADY GETS THE PROPOSED CASINO. I'M NOT A GAMBLER BUT IT WOULD HELP OUR CITY WITH JOBS, REVENUE, ACTIVITY, BUSINESSES DOWNTOWN, RESTAURANTS ETC.

I'LL BE LISTENING. JOHN ROSE

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Woodlawn Park

Summer Success...Pavilion Complete...Fall Highlights...New Location for Annual Pasta Dinner!

What a big year this was for the park! The summer months saw activity in the park unlike anything in a very long time. With the inaugural launch of the summer youth program and bustling activity of events, gatherings, and further redevelopment, Woodlawn Park has become a model for neighborhood volunteerism and success.

The construction of the **new pavilion area** has been completed. Located on the left side of the park's building, the new spot *features two new picnic tables, new bulletin boards* (one for the park announcements and the other for community postings), *new lighting, doors and benching*. The park redevelopment committee will work to add other new features to the area this coming spring.

If you haven't noticed yet, the **park entryway has transformed** even more. Community volunteers worked to install a new fence which spans the entrance into the park. The new fence is black aluminum and measures 115' and provides a stunning focal point to designate the park's entrance. Many have noticed this new addition and expressed great pleasure. And next year will feature the addition of arbor posts which will welcome people as they come into the park. We'd like to thank Leone Construction for its donation of brick edging that now lines the flower bed in front of the park building and around the tree in the Area of Reflection. The common area in the middle of the park now has a new volleyball net for pickup games of volleyball and badminton. The grassy area measures more than 80' X 35' for park goers to lie out or to partake in other activities such as bocce ball and crocket. The new area will be the location for the planned addition of ice skating in the winter months.

We closed out the summer with bang, holding our first ever movie night with the **showing of Despicable Me2**, a Back-to-School Youth Basketball day which featured give-aways and good times as five teams participated in a double-elimination tournament, and the **Woodlawn Neighborhood Association Annual Cookout** which brought out about 100 people and featured great food, entertainment, and community organizations. It was quite a sight to see all the kids in attendance playing volleyball and enjoying the pavement games, basketball and playground areas. We'd like to thank all the local leaders and elected official in attendance, including our U.S. local representative to Congress, the honorable Paul Tonko.

As we head into the fall months, the park redevelopment committee will still be holding project days and preparing for the coming addition of ice skating to Woodlawn. We are also preparing for the annual Fall Rake day. And, we will hosting a **Shoe Drive in the park on Saturday, October 11th** in collaboration with the City Mission of Schenectady. All announcements and details will be featured on our facebook page and the www.WoodlawnNeighborhood.org website. So please be sure to check those out.

Lastly, we'll soon be gearing up for our **Annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser to Benefit Woodlawn Park**. We are pleased to announce **our new location - Hibernian Hall -** which is the current home to our neighborhood association meetings. We are scheduled to hold this great community event on **Tuesday, January 20th**.



Madelyn Thorne Candidate for NYS Senate 49th District







WOODLAWN – The West Side Story By Marcel

As mentioned in my first article, I'm interested in the improvement of the Woodlawn/ Schenectady quality of life. As such, I will share a couple of interactions I've had with the city in this regard.

For the last 4 years, I've complained to the city, via phone, regarding a matter affecting my home. The city worker(s), taking my complaint, assured me that the issue was recorded. Alas, the problem continued so I decided to access Schenectady's FOIL system (Freedom Of Information Law) to determine whether the issue was documented. The instructions for accessing Schenectady FOIL are enclosed at the bottom of this article. I had to wait several days for a response which was sent to my email account. Not surprisingly, there was no record of the complaint. So, I trekked my way to City Hall and complained in person. The matter was resolved within several days. The moral of the story is that the old fashioned in your face approach still works best. In defense, the city told me that older complaints were not put in the system but newer ones would be going forward. Another issue I have with the city is that the first complainer regarding a city negligence issue will not get reimbursed. This is because the city must first know of the issue in writing. Specifically, I had a dentist appointment within the city. Parking is on the street and the city curb was in such a state of disrepair that the iron used to fortify the cement served as a spike and punctured my tire. Although, I was told by my dentist that others had previously suffered the same fate, apparently, no one had logged this in writing, only by phone. As a result, my only satisfaction is that the next person will benefit from my logging this incident in writing. Actually, I'm still fighting this case. Since my notification, it appears that the city has done some maintenance on this curb.

Regarding Schenectady qualify of life issues, Vince Riggi has proposed initiatives to the city council. I'll be following his proposals. It might be beneficial to have Vince attend one of our meetings so we can hear firsthand.

Lest I come across as anti-Schenectady, I'm sure similar issues persist across the state. I realize Schenectady has its hands full with house foreclosures and infrastructure repair. None the less, we must make the city aware of our issues.

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<u>Please support Ed</u> Tuesday, Nov. 04

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Woodlawn Neighborhood Association 2506 Albany Street, Schenectady, NY 12304.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2014

General Membership meeting at 7 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the **Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall**, **1748 State Street.** (**No general meeting in August/Dec.**)

Woodlawn Park and Woodlawn Preserve meetings held on the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Schenectady Hibernians', 1748 State Street. Park starts at 6:30 PM. Preserve follows

370-5803