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Speaking of snow or lack of, our hopes are we continue to lead by example and offer our senior neighbors your time in helping clear their sidewalks and driveways from that dreaded snowfall that is certainly on its way. It is always a nice way of saying “Welcome To Woodlawn”.

Another “thank you” to the **Ladies Order of Ancient Hibernians - Schenectady** for hosting Breakfast with Santa on December 9th. Over 150 youth from the **SSCCORE Summer Camp** and family members enjoyed an all you can eat buffet along with a visit from Ol’ St. Nick himself. **Toys For Tots, the Schenectady Fire Dept. and the Schenectady County Youth Bureau** were sponsors as well.



If you haven't stopped in the **Senior Center**, located at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, you need to do so! “**The Center**” is open every Tuesday & Thursday from 10 AM - 2 PM. Home-cooked lunches are served from Noon - 1 PM. A suggested donation of \$3.00 is appreciated. **Membership is FREE!** Look in this newsletter for a schedule of activities, guest speakers and lunch menus they have lined up for January. For additional information, contact **SusanBeth Olsen at 518-598-2056**.

Reminder, our association meetings are on the **fourth Wednesday of each month** starting at **7 PM**. Our meetings are held at the **Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 1748 State Street**. Our scheduled speakers for upcoming meetings will be Code Enforcement Director, Chris Lunn on **January 24th**. Police Chief Eric Clifford will be attending our **February 28th** meeting. Please “Save the Dates!”

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.

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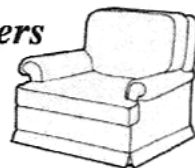
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The Golden Ear—By John Rose

This Is A Gossip Column



The new Italian Restaurant coming to the old Ground Round is called Amelia's, after the owner's mother. The owner is Randy Loren, the former owner of Dolce Vita. I personally visited Randy, and they have gutted the inside of the building. They will have a stage and music. The outside is done and the new business plans to be open sometime after the first of the year. I can't wait for it to open! If you like real Italian food, give it a try. I am.

The new Senior Citizen Center draws about 50 people per day for lunch. If you haven't been there yet, give it a try. This terrific lunch is only \$3.00, provided if you sign up for the Senior Center. The food is cooked by the members of the Hibernians on State Street. The seniors meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 2pm at 1758 State Street. Lunch is at noon. Join them if you can.

Camilo's Bar and Restaurant has been sold to a group who plans to have music and dancing, plus food and drinks. Be sure to check them out when they open.

The new motor vehicle office is open on upper State Street and is packed everyday. Great decision by county officials to move it from downtown to this location.

The Woodlawn Neighborhood Association went Christmas Caroling at Kingsway Nursing Home. The residents joined in singing with us and we were very happy to participate in the fun evening.

With the snow coming, everyone should know they have to shovel their sidewalks. It's not only a safety feature, but it's a neighborly thing to do so people don't fall trying to get to your house.

Happy New Year everyone!

That's it for now folks, and I'll be listening.

John Rose

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WOODLAWN – The West Side Story

By Marcel

Recently, I've had the opportunity to do some cardio medical research. To my surprise, I found that our own Ellis hospital's cardiothoracic team has received the highest award from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.

According to Ellis's October 6, 2017 news release:

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I'm told that neither Albany Med nor St. Peters was awarded three stars.

We are fortunate to have a quality medical unit in our backyard .

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Welcome to the *Schenectady Social Connection!*

This newsletter will be the source of information along with the monthly calendar that will be published to keep you informed of the happenings at the Schenectady Senior Center!

We would like you to know that each Tuesday and Thursday, a hot lunch will be provided by the Ancient Order of Hibernians for a nominal fee of \$3. Joanne Langley, cook extraordinaire, will be preparing the menu on a monthly basis that will be published in the calendar for your viewing pleasure. There will also be informational and educational presentations from local organizations including MVP, NYS Police, Alzheimer's Association, NABA, Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital and many more; daily activities including a Fitness Class each Tuesday and Thursday designed from chair yoga suitable for all levels of wellness for a nominal charge of \$2; and several activities including Trivia, Crossword Puzzles, Hangman, Grab Bag Games, Literature Groups, structured card and board games as well as many opportunities to socialize and get to know your neighbors within the community!

We welcome the good fortune of many who are interested in volunteering to lead a group or run an activity. Suggestions are always welcome, and we are thrilled at the adventure of the center opening in the community.
For more information call 518-598-2056.

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(No general meeting in August/December)

Woodlawn Park & Woodlawn Preserve committee meetings
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If you have any suggestions pertaining to any of these
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Woodlawn Neighborhood Association
2506 Albany Street,
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According to Battery Solutions, a battery recycling business in Michigan, Americans toss about three billion batteries in the garbage each year (aka landfills). Depending on landfills' conditions, they may sit there for years (or forever), or decompose and contribute to leachate, the liquid that forms when decomposing material combines with water, potentially leading to soil and groundwater pollution. Battery leachate is dangerous to humans and the environment due to the heavy metal (i.e. cadmium, lead, and mercury) content of some batteries.

In any given day, we use or encounter single-use and/or rechargeable batteries. Typically, single-use (used until they run out of charge) batteries are classified as alkaline, lithium, silver oxide, and zinc-air batteries, which are used in devices such as clocks, smoke detectors and toys, and rechargeable (can be recharged after their original charge runs out) batteries are classified as Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-Ion) and Small Sealed Lead (Pb) batteries, which are used in devices such as cell phones, digital cameras, and power tools.

How can you reduce your battery usage?

1. Decide how important it is to purchase battery-powered devices. Are they items you need to complete your daily activities, or is there something else you can do to satisfy your desire for these items?
2. Buy devices that run on rechargeable instead of single-use batteries. Research whether devices powered by single-use batteries can also run on rechargeable batteries.
3. Try to purchase rechargeable batteries, not single-use ones. Yes, they are more expensive initially, but their life cycle is longer, meaning they are cheaper in the long run. In addition, they can be recycled unlike single-use batteries. If you are unsure how to recycle a battery, ask the retailer, our recycling committee, or Google.

Did you know as of December 2011 it is illegal to dispose of rechargeable batteries as waste in New York State (NYS)?

Yes, you read that correctly. Rechargeable batteries must be recycled, though NOT in your single-stream recycling bin. They can be taken to any retailer that sells rechargeable batteries for up to ten per person (a sale is not required). If you find retailers in violation of this law, please call the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation at 518-357-2234 ext. 4. The more we enforce this law the easier it will be for everyone to recycle batteries.

What about single-use batteries? How do you recycle them?

Single-use batteries can safely be thrown in the trash. If you generate and/collect a large amount, however, there are private companies you can mail them to for recycling.

And, are car batteries recyclable?

Yes. Car batteries should be brought to stores that sell car batteries like Walmart, AutoZone, and Advance Auto Parts for recycling. While not included in the law mentioned above, their larger size and lead type is all the more reason to recycle instead of toss them in the trash.

Leslie Cutting, ECOS Recycling Committee Member

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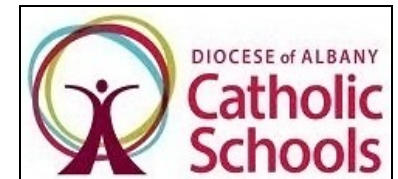


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 5th - National Bird Day
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 25th - Opposite Day

February

2nd - Groundhog's Day
 4th - Super Bowl Sunday
 21st - President's Day
 14th - Ash Wednesday/Valentines Day
 16th - Chinese New Year (*It's 4716!*)



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We are starting 2018 with great hope for the New Year. Our goals for this year are many, but with the help of the City of Schenectady and the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission we should be able to accomplish them.

As you may recall, the survey of the Schenectady Pine Barrens Preserve was completed with a \$50,000 carve-out from the year 2016. The carve out money allocated for the year 2017 will be used to develop and begin implementing a plan for trails and a habitat management strategy. This will require a contract (budget and plan) between the City and DEC. We may have to forego any further money from the 2018 budget until the 2017 allowance plan is approved and implemented.

The city of Schenectady wasn't able to get the jersey barriers in place in time for the winter, and as I reported in the November/December issue, the wetland mitigation project has been delayed into 2018 as well.

We are looking forward to our first meeting of 2018 to begin planning for upcoming events. There will be hikes, bird walks, educational walks led by the Albany Pine Bush, and of course our 4th Annual Fishing Day. Watch our Facebook page (Friends of the Woodlawn Preserve – Schenectady), the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association webpage (www.woodlawnneighborhood.org), or your email for further details. If you are not on our email list and would like to be, send your request to Friendswp@gmail.com.

And remember, if you see or hear of anything unusual going on in the Preserve, call the Schenectady Police non-emergency number at 518-630-0911; or email non-emergency information or questions to **Patrolman Brad Carlton** at bcarlton@scheneectadypd.com. The DEC can be reached at 1-877-457-5680 or call directly to our Region#4 reps Chris Valenti and Brian Wilson at 518-357-2047. DEC Forest Ranger **Dave Nally** has also been helpful and can be reached at David.nally@dec.ny.gov

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Fantastic Fall Rake Day...Lots to be Thankful For!

Our Annual Fall Rake Day was a great success!! We had 38 volunteers who helped rake leaves, clear brush, store picnic tables, benches and grills, and price items already donated for our 2018 Garage Sale event in May. Hot cocoa, coffee, snacks and pizza was provided and lot of laughs and good vibes were had. Many thanks to our residents, the students from Union College, Schenectady Neighborhood Watch, and our local East Rotary for helping!

While the winter months forge ahead and we partake in the holiday festivities, our volunteers will begin to plan for next season beginning in January. We'll be laying the groundwork for some 2018 projects and events. If you would like to join our committee or learn more, please contact us through facebook, our email or phone - see below.



We hope with 2018 on the horizon that you find peace and prosperity for you and your loved ones. Many thanks for your continued support of our redevelopment efforts. As we gear back up for next season, **please continue your support of Woodlawn Park...**We're accepting **donations of household items all year round** for our annual garage sale event in May. **Have any extra basketballs, footballs, volleyballs, or other sporting items?** Donate to replenish our "Have-A-Ball" bins for next Spring. **Want to help with our Adopt-A-Park initiative in 2018?** Sign up for one of the months. And of course...we are always welcoming of new members to join our committee and volunteer efforts. Message us on our facebook page, email WoodlawnPark411@gmail.com or call 518-331-0929 to offer your support.

Once again...thank you so much for your continued support,
 Spero Zoulas - Chair of Woodlawn Park Redevelopment Committee



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<p>2</p> <p>10:30 am Hangman/Dominos 11:00 Chair Yoga/Crossword Puzzle 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Cards/Board Games/Wii Bowling</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30 am Board Games/Puzzles 11:00 am Rummikub/Dominos/Chair Yoga 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Sunnyview Presentation</p>
<p>9</p> <p>10:30 am Hangman/Dominos 11:00 Chair Yoga/Pokeno 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Cards/Grab Bag Game</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 am Hospice Presentation 11:00 am Rummikub/BINGO 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Hangman/Puzzles/Chair Yoga</p>
<p>16</p> <p>10:30 am Cards/Dominos/Puzzles 11:00 am Chair Yoga/Walmart Vision 12:00 pm Lunch 12:45 pm Nutrition Presentation</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30 am Rummikub/Hangman 11:00 am Chair Yoga/Board Games 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Puzzles/Cards/Dominos</p>
<p>23</p> <p>10:30 am Physical Therapy Presentation 11:00 am Puzzles/Cards 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Chair Yoga/Trivia</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:30 am Cards/Alphabet Game/Dominos 11:00 am Chair Yoga 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Wii Bowling/Puzzles/Board Games</p>
<p>30</p> <p>10:30 am Cards/BINGO 10:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic/Puzzles 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 Crossword Puzzles/Rummikub</p>	<p>31</p>	<p><u>For more information:</u></p> <p>SusanBeth Olsen 518-598-2056</p>

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