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Wednesday, August 22nd Woodlawn Park 5:30 - 7:30 pm

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Annual Picnic

The annual **Woodlawn Neighborhood Association Picnic** is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **August 22 (rain date August 23)** at the Woodlawn Park (off Kings Rd.). The BBQ will include all you can eat burgers, chicken, hot dogs and sides. Neighbors are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Enjoy the bouncy house, volleyball, basketball and other outdoor activities in addition to live music! It all runs from **5:30 – 7:30 PM**.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate with our Annual Garage Sale Weekend. We still want to thank all of our wonderful neighbors in the Woodlawn Community who participated and of course the folks who stopped in to make purchases! A special "thank you" to **Grasso's Barber Shop (Lou) and Sunoco Gas/Food Mart** selling the permits through their place of business.

The **City of Schenectady Senior Center** continues to be a huge success! Thanks to the wonderful partnership with our friends at the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Kingsway Community we to date have nearly 400 seniors registered as members! The Center is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM—2 PM. For additional information, check out their section in this booklet. Their website can be found at www.CityofSchenectady.com/seniors.

Another round of congratulations to our local high school and college graduates from the Woodlawn community. For our sons, daughters, nieces, nephews and grandchildren best wishes and success as you move forward!

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



The new Blue Rose Bakery opened by the Blue Ribbon diner is outstanding! I purchased a chocolate mocha cake and a sugar-free chocolate cheese cake, and both were out of this world! They also have sugar-free pies. If you haven't already done so, check them out!

Woodlawn Park is going to have their Annual Free Movie Night. They will have free popcorn and other refreshments. Bring your own lawn chair and come rain or shine.

We would like to give many thanks to the Albany Street Sunoco Mart for selling the permits for our Annual Garage Sale. Over 100 permits were sold. Unfortunately it rained, however Woodlawn Park had its tents up and had it's biggest sale yet.

St. Paul's Church will be starting an after-school daycare for Kindergarten up. Watch for future details.

Woodlawn Preserve will have it's Annual Fishing Day on June 23rd.

My visit to the DMV with my grandson to get his license renewed was very eventful. We were there less than an hour and the employee went out of his way to help with the paperwork. My grandson was also able to register to vote there as well.

The priest, Father Peter, at St. Paul the Apostle Church will be retiring on July 1st. He is a great priest and a great friend. He will be missed.

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

John Rose

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WOODLAWN – The West Side Story By Marcel

I hear that a new bar will soon open in our area once they receive their liquor license. The name is Vibez which will occupy the former Camillo's Bistro/Bar, located at 1490 State St Schenectady.

According to the urban dictionary: *Vibez*

Something that makes you feel extremely <u>not bored</u>, to have <u>entertain-ment</u> that's beyond the <u>roof</u>.

"Yoww this new group chat I'm in has soo much vibez fam, it's lit!!! That girl texts with soo much vibez bruh, You should get her number.

So as someone, let's say, past their prime, I'll have to dust myself off, get my funk on and visit this place once it opens.

On another note, the Schenectady Gazette recently commented on the Crosstown Commons renovation project. The article stated that the owner spent \$3.5M for the overhaul. The Commons is 83% occupied though more than half of the storefronts remain empty. The current stores are booming with their core values emphasizing discounted prices to their customers. This appears to be the niche that the plaza owner is after in soliciting new tenants. I know of people who drive a distance to take advantage of the Crosstown Commons savings. As plazas go, this one is rather large. The parking lot alone costed \$300K to resurface. Visible to both route 7 and Interstate 890, Crosstown Commons is a magnet for shoppers, which should encourage more tenants to relocate here.

Till next time....



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Welcome to the Schenectady Social Connection!

JULY: July is the month where we celebrate our countries freedom and our life's liberties and pursuit of happiness and all that it took for us to achieve our goals. As you picnic & join with friends and family, reflect on our nations greatness and the freedoms we have as Americans. HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! The SSC will be closed July 3rd & July 5th in observance of AMERICA'S birthday. This month, Dr. Rapson, returns from miSci with a program on "Moons of Jupiter & Saturn." We also have Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital returning to share an informational presentation on "Low **Vision**" with assistive technology that is available as well as a plethora of technological advances that have been made in the field to assist with our aging eye sight! Our last presentation of the month is "Stress Busters" provided by MVP and we call could use some "tools in our toolbox" to aid with the stressors in our daily lives. As a courtesy, we ask that during presentations; you kindly refrain from using card shufflers and please be courteous to our presenter who has come to share what they have prepared for us for the hour. Thank you for your understanding! MVP "Chair Moves" will be holding classes until August 2nd. *If you have your own 1-2 pound weights, please bring them with you - Thank you. Please also remember that Walmart Vision Services will be here this month, for minor repairs along with Kingsway Home Care for the monthly Blood Pressure Clinic. Lunches are being prepared this month on the lighter and cooler fair as the temperatures are on the rise. All of your lunch suggestions have been shared with the Hibernians and they are greatly appreciated! The AOH charges an additional \$1 for takeout meals and they are on a first come first served basis, after lunch has been served.

AUGUST: The summer has definitely gone by much too quickly and we certainly hope that you all had a wonderful summer packed with adventures, family time, travel and social events that you took advantage of within the community. This summer we were able to provide 6 weeks of summer fitness "Chair Moves" with MVP and also have Dr. Rapson from the Dudley Observatory at the Museum of Innovation and Science as she shared programming from Adults and Life Long Learners. A huge thank you to Mary Jane Foley and her gift of card making that she has shared with us for several months! We started making cards once per month, but the interest was so popular, that we offered an additional day for those interested in learning, to join the group! Take advantage of this opportunity to learn this skill if you desire, the materials are provided for you, you just need to show up!!! The Walmart Vision Clinic is early this month, please check your calendar to make sure that you do not miss the services if you are planning on having minor repairs made to your glasses. Also, remember that Kingsway Home Care provides a free blood pressure clinic at the end of the month (8/21). This month we added game called "Musical Scattegories:" it's a game much like "Name That Tune." Stay after lunch and play Poker, a game of Trivia, Cards, Crossword Puzzle, Pictionary or work on a puzzle. Our hours are 10 am -2 pm. We are going to be closed the last week of August (28 & 30) through the first week of September (4 & 6). As a reminder, lunches are subject to change and the AOH charges an additional \$1 for take-out meals and they are on a first come first served basis, after lunch has been served.

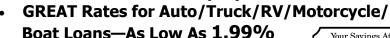
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Woodlawn Park & Woodlawn Preserve committee meetings

4th Wednesday of each month - 6 PM @ Hibernian Hall (1748 State Street)

Officers:

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Woodlawn Preserve - Janet Given (210-5439)

Social/Refreshment - Rita Figler

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If you have any suggestions pertaining to any of these officers or committees, please call or mail suggestions to:

Woodlawn Neighborhood Association 2506 Albany Street, Schenectady, NY 12304

Go to *www.woodlawnneighborhood.org* to get the latest information on Woodlawn Meetings, Events & Happenings.



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Summer is finally in high gear. As I write this, our 4th Annual Fishing Day is just coming up and we are eagerly anticipating our biggest event ever! We send many thanks to the Schenectady County Legislature County Initiative Grant program for helping to make this event possible.

The 4th grade children at Woodlawn School have painted our deck. It's a bright and cheery addition to the Preserve and we are grateful for their hard work. Unfortunately it has already been a target of vandalism, but we've tried hard to be on top of remediation. Thanks to the kids and Jason LeCuyer for the team he put together to get this accomplished.



Upcoming activities:

- * Friday September 7th @ 10 am: Morning Meander (suitable for adults) led by the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. Meet at the Gifford Road entrance for a hike of approximately 1 ½ miles. Reservation required call 518-456-0655 or visit www.albanypinebush.org/events.
- * Friday September 14th (time to be announced): Learn 10 Wetland Species Walk led by Steve Young.

We have received multiple complaints of increased motorized vehicle activity in the Preserve and reached out to DEC Forest Ranger Dave Nally for assistance. He was able to nab at least 3 vehicles with fines. Please do not hesitate to call, these bikes and vehicles do a lot of damage to our Preserve.

If you see or hear of anything unusual going on in the Preserve, including vandalism, call the Schenectady Police non-emergency number at 518-630-0911; or email non-emergency information or questions to **Patrolman Dane Flavin at** dflavin@schenectadypd.com. The DEC can be reached at 1-877-457-5680. DEC Forest Ranger **Dave Nally** has also been helpful and can be reached at 518-424-7805 or 518-408-5850. You can also email him David.nally@dec.ny.gov.

Have a wonderful summer, and hope to see you in the Preserve.

Janet Chen, Chair Friends of the Woodlawn Preserve 518-210-5439 Friendswp@gmail.com

Purchasing to Promote Materials Recycling

For recycling to be successful, three important components must work in harmony. The long-used three chasing arrows symbolize these components: collection, manufacturing, and purchasing.

Historically, residents' recycling efforts have been mostly focused on the "collection" programs and options for our recyclables, which we

optimize by providing clean contaminant-free sorts of these materials. While the collection piece is indeed important, we residents can also increase our focus on the other components, especially the "purchasing" of recycled-content products and packaging to help "close the recycling loop."

Our efforts to specifically purchase recycled-content products and packaging create greater demand for them. This in turn then provides greater demand by manufacturers for our sorted recyclable materials collected/marketed by haulers & processors. Furthermore, the more of us that tell producers and retailers that we wish to buy "recycled", the more "recycled" products and packaging they are likely to provide.

Identifying Recycled-content Products and Packaging

There are *products with recycled content in nearly all categories*, including those for consumers and small businesses (as well as commerce, construction, industry, and more). Fabrics, copy & writing paper, toilet paper, clothing, trash bags, and many more products are frequently made and available with recycled content. And, for products like food and other consumer items that may need packaging (this packaging makes up much of our residential recycling & waste), remember to look for recycled-content *packaging* materials. (Going one further, we also desire packaging that can be and is conveniently recycled in our systems).

While there are no standardized or official requirements for its identification, if a manufacturer can claim substantial recycled content in its products and packaging, it will likely use terminology and/or symbols displayed on them to appeal to our purchasing decisions. (Also, environmental certification services, like Green Seal, assess recycled content of products/packaging in granting their "seal"). Here are a couple of examples:





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Recycled content is given as a percentage of the weight of the product or package. It could be any combination of two types of recyclable materials, often indicating the percentage of each: post-consumer and pre-consumer.

While pre-consumer is beneficial, it is more so the "cherry-picking" of recycling as it describes scraps left over from a manufacturing process that are collected and reused/recycled. Post-consumer content is considered "greener" since it creates markets for those recyclable materials we consumers have used, then provided to our communities' recycling programs, closing the loop and more greatly reducing need and use of virgin resources. Therefore, whenever post-consumer recycled content is indicated: the more, the better.

Patrick Golden, ECOS Recycling Committee Member & SCEAC Recycling Team Member

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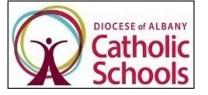
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4th - Independence Day 14th - Movie Night @ Woodlawn Park 18th - National Hot Dog Day



<u>August</u>

3rd - National Watermelon Day 14th - V-J Day 22nd - Woodlawn Cookout 30th - National Marshmallow



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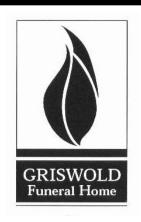
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Woodlawn Neighborhood Association Annual Cookout @ Woodlawn Park

Wednesday, August 22nd ~ 5:30 - 7:30 PM Dinner around 6 PM

Please Bring Dish to Share

Rain Date: Thursday, August 23rd

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Sides and Desserts Musical Entertainment by The Rogues



- Meet neighbors, local leaders and community organizations
- Enjoy great food and company.
- Play (volleyball, horseshoes, swings, playgrounds, cards, basketball, foursquare and more).
- Learn about ongoing Woodlawn Park and Preserve efforts.
- Experience neighborhood pride and celebrate our greater Schenectady community!

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Schenectady Neighborhood Watch presents National Night Out Central Park - Tuesday, August 7th

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Annual Movie Night...Park's Garage Sale Sets Yet Another Record!

Many thanks to all who came out for our Seventh Annual Garage Sale fundraiser! *Despite the rain, we were slammed with customers all day and had our biggest year!* In total, we raised \$5,674 during the weekend to eclipse last year's record breaking weekend. Thank you to Mr. Mark's Tents for providing a third tent at reduced cost and to Schenectady Neighborhood Watch for managing traffic coming into the park. A heartfelt thanks to our park volunteers who worked tirelessly from set up to breakdown to make this a great event!

Our Planting and Project Days during June were very productive. Volunteers planted marigolds, laid mulch and completed some projects to enhance the park's landscape and features. Special thanks to Dominic at Leone Construction for donating the mulch again this year. Much appreciated!

MOVIE NIGHT - SATURDAY, JULY 14TH ACADEMY AWARD WINNING BEST ANIMATED FILM: COCO

Join us at the park for our Annual Movie Night under the stars. This year we will feature *Coco*, the story of a boy who is accidentally transported to the *Land of the Dead*, where he seeks the help of his deceased musician great-great-grandfather to return him to his family among the living. The fun will begin at 8 pm with the feature starting at dusk. Pizza, popcorn and beverages will be provided and our younger children will have an opportunity to win door prizes. This event is entirely free to the public. We hope you can join us!

New Park Amenities: As indicated in our last article, we will be soon adding the "Basketball Fun Tunnel" for our younger kids near the playground area. We are currently shopping around for the installation of a couple of play stations as well so children can enjoy the park even more. These stations will feature interesting games and manipulation activities. Also on tap, a Scavenger Hunt game to compliment of Map of America game. Stay tuned for further details.

Keep your eyes open on our facebook page (WoodlawnParkSNY) for upcoming events, news and more. You can also stop by the park's bulletin board to see our schedule of project days and other events. If you would like to join our committee's efforts, we are always looking for help. This summer, kids can volunteer to help with our *Adopt-A-Park Initiative*. *Kids can volunteer during one of our months and receive a \$20 Stewarts Gift Card!* Message us on our facebook page or email WoodlawnPark411@gmail.com to offer your support.

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









Life Enrichment Activities ~ July & August

July

- Tuesday/Thursday, the 3rd & 5th: Closed for observance of Independence Day
- *Tuesday, the 10th:* 10:30 am Hangman/Dominos/Cards/Bingo; 11:00 am "Moons of Jupiter & Saturn"/miSci; 1:00 pm Sunnyview Presents "Low Vision"
- *Thursday, the 12th:* 10:30 am MVP "Chair Moves" with Stacie/Bingo/Cards/Dominos; 11:00 am Rummikub/Puzzles; 1:00 pm Hangman/Connect 4
- *Tuesday, the 17th:* 10:30 am Bingo/Dominos/Puzzles/Cards; 11:00 am Card making with Mary Jane/Puzzles; 1:00 pm Trivia/Poker
- *Thursday, the 19th*: 10:30 am Bingo/Dominos/Uno **NO "CHAIR MOVES" TODAY**; 11:00 am Community Forum/Rummikub; 1:00 pm Writing Club/ Hangman
- *Tuesday, the 24th:* 10:30 am Walmart Vision Service/Bingo/Cards; 11:00 am Card Making with Mary Jane/Rummikub; 1:00 pm Trivia
- *Thursday, the 26th:* 10:45 am MVP "Chair Moves"/Crossword Puzzles; 11:00 am Dominos/Cards/Puzzles; 1:00 pm Monthly Birthday Bash
- *Tuesday, the 31st:* 10:30 am MVP Presents "Stress Busters"; 10:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic/Rummikub/Cards; 1:00 pm Hangman

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- *Tuesday, the 2nd:* 10:30 am MVP "Chair Moves" with Stacie/Bingo/Cards/Dominos; 11:00 am Rummikub/Puzzles; 1:00 pm Hangman/Connect 4
- *Thursday, the 7th*: 10:30 am Dominos/Bingo/Walmart Vision Service; 11:00 am Card making with Mary Jane/Puzzles; 1:00 pm Pictionary
- *Tuesday, the 9th:* 10:30 am Bingo/Cards/Dominos; 11:00 am Rummikub/ Puzzles; 1:00 pm "Musical Scattergories" Game
- *Thursday, the 14th:* 10:30 am Bingo/Dominos/Cards; 11:00 am "An Update from The Curiosity Rover"; 1:00 pm Trivia/Poker
- *Tuesday, the 16th:* 10:30 am Bingo/Dominos/Uno; 11:00 am Rummikub; 1:00 pm Sun-Catcher "Summer Craft"
- *Thursday, the 21st:* 10:30 am Bingo/Cards/Rummikub/Kingsway Home Care Blood Pressure Clinic; 11:00 am Card Making with Mary Jane/Puzzles; 1:00 pm Crossword Puzzle
- *Tuesday, the 23rd:* 10:30 am Crossword Puzzles; 11:00 am Dominos/Cards/Puzzles/"Apples To Apples"; 1:00 pm Monthly Birthday Bash
- Tuesday/Thursday, the 28th & 30th: Closed for Summer Break

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