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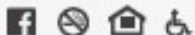
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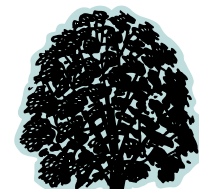
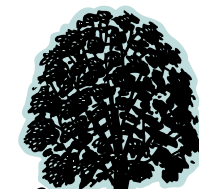
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A Message From Neighborhood Association President:

With summer coming to an end, I want to once again thank our numerous volunteers and neighbors who continue to do fine work in our neighborhood. Special thank you to the Boys & Girls Clubs and SICM lunch program for providing summer activities and free lunch to our youth at Woodlawn Park.

I am sure the majority of you have noticed the fine work from the City of Schenectady with the paving of many of our streets in the Woodlawn neighborhood. It was one of the worst years on record for potholes and the crews have been working very hard to fill them in for us. If you still have a concern regarding potholes, give the Mayor's office a call at 382-5000. Try and give them an address and description of the size of the pothole.

Reminder, school opens on **Wednesday, September 9th**. Please be aware of school busses and students who may be walking to and from school. Elementary schools begin classes at 8 AM.



The association meetings scheduled for **September 23th** and **October 28th** will feature a "Meet and Greet" of our political candidates who are running for office in November. The Republican Party candidates will be present in September followed by the Democratic Party candidates in October. The public is welcome to attend and ask questions of the candidates.

Reminder, our association meetings are now on the **fourth Wednesday 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

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The Golden Ear—By John Rose

This Is A Gossip Column



We are saddened by the death of long-time friend and neighborhood barber, Robert Bob Louis Strazzi, who ran Roc's Barber Shop on upper State Street for many years - 55 to be exact. He helped organize the Woodlawn Merchant's Association, which is now the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association. Thank you Bob. You will be missed!

Gaylord's corner bar applied for a liquor license and will be getting it within a month or so. We missed the long-time corner bar and sports club and are glad to see it re-opening by family and friends of the late Duke Gaylord.

Election time is coming around soon and our home town hero is running for city council for a four year term. Ed Kosiur is a huge asset to our Woodlawn community. There are many good candidates from each party running and they will all help our city, but Ed lives in Woodlawn and has helped us with Woodlawn Park and the Woodlawn Preserve. He is also the President of the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association. So when you vote, please vote Woodlawn and vote Ed Kosiur! He also has his eye on the whole city. Thank you for what you do for our community!

Check out St. Paul's new parking lot with all new parking spaces and arrows directing you in and out. Way to go Father Peter!

We'll be watching...

John Rose



Arbor Post Installation & Paint Day @ Woodlawn Park
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Ed and his wife Barbara, a school nurse, have been residents in Woodlawn since 1987. They have three daughters: Kerry, a freshman at SUNY Oswego; Lissa, and her husband Andrew; Heather and her husband Jethro (residents of the Stockade Neighborhood). Ed and Barbara have deep roots in their schools, their neighborhood and their City. Ed has the experience and leadership to represent you on the City Council.

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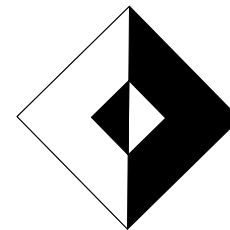
Our First Annual Fishing Event was a big success. We had at least 60 participants and many appreciated the free use of fishing poles and bait. The free hot dogs and hamburgers, expertly grilled by Ed Kosiur, were also a big hit. Many thanks to Vince Riggi, John Polimeni, Gary Hughes, Ed Kosiur, Leesa Perazzo, Karen Zalewski-Wildzunas and Mayor Gary McCarthy for their generous contributions to help make this event happen.

We did a presentation before the City Council Health and Recreation Committee entitled "Woodlawn Preserve – the case for park designation". We feel it is important for the future protection of the Preserve that it is officially designated a park. The Council agreed and it is to go to the public hearing stage possibly sometime in late August. Please watch for this to appear on the City Council Agenda and speak out in favor of park designation.

Mayor McCarthy is working to get our handicapped access trail to the fishing pier built. We are really looking forward to this being completed.

Vandalism is still happening from time to time, and it can be discouraging. Please, if you see or hear anything unusual call the Schenectady police non-emergency number at 630-0911. The DEC can be reached at 1-877-457-5680 or call directly to our Region #4 reps Chris Valenty and Brian Wilson at 357-2047.

Janet Chen
210-5439

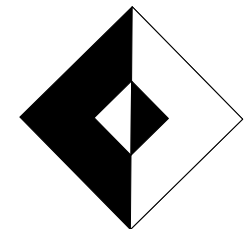


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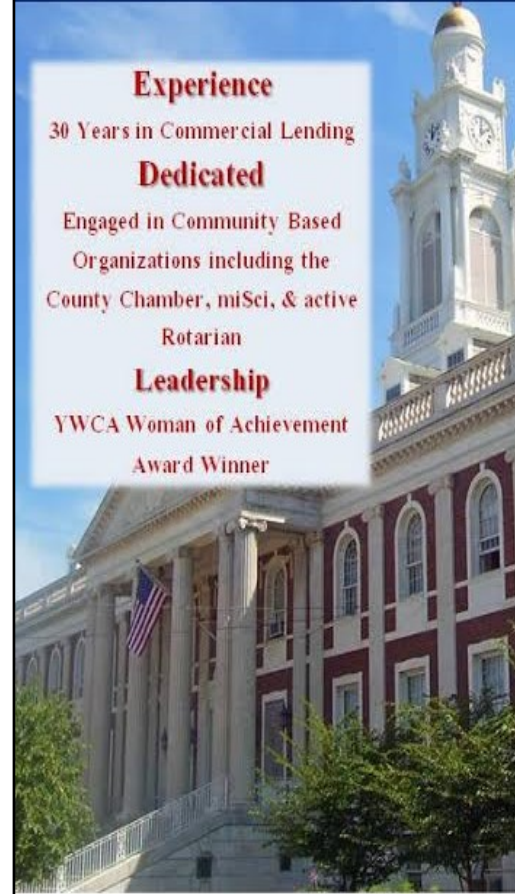
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Some core members share lunch and ideas at the Blue Ribbon Diner

If you can walk a bit, surveying a street or two is quite do-able. Schenectady Recycles! assists you and provides informational materials. How about your street or one nearby to expand from the pilot streets? Thank you for

volunteering according to your talents, for passing the word, and checking in with us. Do new people on your street need information? We meet 1st Tuesday of the month at Hibernian Hall, and all are welcome. The Woodlawn Library has literature, the official stickers and pick-up schedules, and these are available at your Woodlawn Association meetings.

From member, Will Seyse, Board President of ECOS - The Environmental Clearing-house: He and Director, Patrick Clear, relate that ECOS will be organizing a *Recycling Fair at the Woodlawn Elementary School* to take place in November in celebration of America Recycles Day. The fair is supported by a grant from the Emma Willard School and will include activities presented by ECOS, Schenectady Recycles!, NYS DEC, Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council Recycling Committee, and students from the Emma Willard School.

We look forward to these creative projects.

Roberta Farrell, for Schenectady Recycles!

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Please send questions and join in. Call 313-2546 or email: admin@schenectadyrecycles.org.

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

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MEETING SCHEDULE ~ 2015

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

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Project Day at Woodlawn Park Horseshoes & Arbor Preparations



WOODLAWN – The West Side Story By Marcel

Woodlawn is fortunate to have the social outreach programs provided by the Calvary Tabernacle Church located on the corner of Albany and Dartmouth Streets. I mention these programs for their neighborhood social value. There is no religious membership requirement to participate in the programs. The programs provide a safe place for kids to play and include the following after school programs.

- Indoor skateboarding & Basketball (Major renovations of the Haven Family Center are underway to improve these activities)
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The church is also a partner in the Light the City Church Network whose mission is to “Inspire, Equip and Release Leadership for the Spiritual and Social Renewal of the City”. These mission activities include:

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- Seat Center – Life Skills Development
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Till next time...



Rendering
of one of the
main elements
to be added to
Woodlawn Park

Woodlawn Park

Playground in Works...Trustco Bank Renovations...Horseshoe Pits & Arbor Posts

As summer begins to wind down, more improvements to the park will pick up more steam. *In addition to the recent installation of regulation horseshoe pits (BYO horseshoes), the volunteers of Woodlawn Park recently installed five new Arbor Posts which line the sidewalk entering the park.* Each post features a unique sign with park information to greet residents. We thank the volunteers for installing these and for their continued efforts to make the park nicer for the community.

The 2015 Summer Youth Program recently wrapped up another year in the park. Thank you to Michael Commisso and the staff from the Boys and Girls Club for running this year's program with the assistance of the county's summer youth bureau employees. Please consider bringing your child to the park for next year's program – it's a drop in program that does not require daily attendance should your child have other scheduled activities for the summer.

With the wrap-up of the summer program, Trustco Bank began its work in the park. As part of their partnership with the City of Schenectady where it sponsors a park each year, Trustco chose Woodlawn Park. They completed the excavation of turf on the volleyball court and filled it with beach sand – *so beach volleyball is now in Woodlawn!* Trustco removed the last vestige of old graffiti on the concrete surrounding the old pool area and purchased additional picnic tables, benches and trashcans for the park. They also added two new grills. We thank Trustco for their outreach and community involvement – special thanks to Jonathan Goodell and Kaitlyn Goodell from Trustco for coordinating this effort with the city and Woodlawn Park Redevelopment Committee.

Playground...playground: We've been featured in the news a few times this past month as part of the city's work to begin installing new playground equipment in its parks. Our park is one of six in the city to get new equipment in the coming months. *A rendering of one of the main elements to be added to the park is on the following page.* The other five parks will include Steinmetz, Hillhurst, Quackenbush, Jerry Burrell and Riverside. The Recreation Advisory Committee will continue its work in the next year to recommend the 2016 parks improvement budget and also prioritize the needs of the city's other parks as well as meet with the neighborhood associations in those communities. **In the interim, please keep us in mind when we hold the community build day to install the new playground to Woodlawn Park – we will need all the volunteers we can get. Thanks!**

As we move forward, we will apply for additional grants to continue with park renovations. Currently, we are looking to raise money to repave and reline the basketball court area, add handicap accessible ramps, and other exciting features.

Please keep us in mind as we work to raise additional funds. For our annual garage sale, we are now taking donations of household items all year round – if you would like to donate, just call me or email WoodlawnPark411@gmail.com to set up a donation drop off or pick up time. **A special thank you to Tom and Pam Buono and Don and Betty Trombley for their continued donation of money from their bottle returns.** Both couples have been donating their returns for more than a year now and we appreciate their generous support of our efforts!

Warm regards,

Spero Zoulas - Chair of Woodlawn Park Redevelopment Committee

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16 - Boss's Day
24 - UN Day/Make A Difference Day
31 - Halloween



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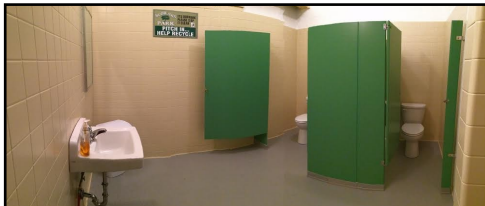
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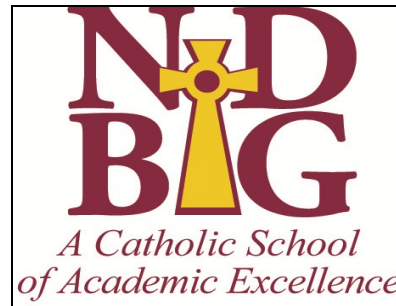
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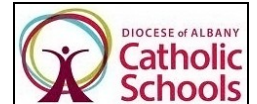
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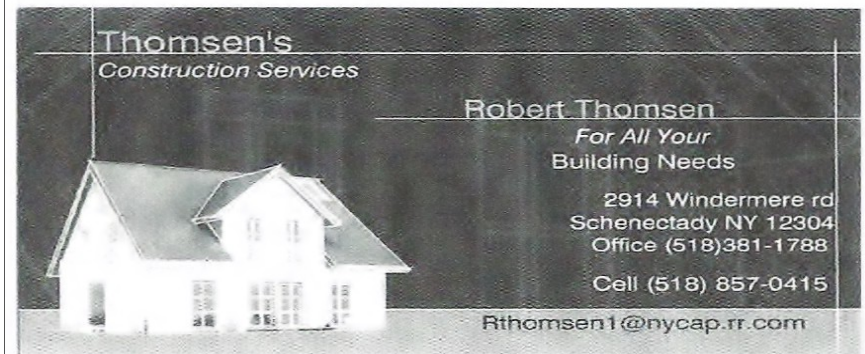
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- Domestic Violence Bureau Chief, Schenectady District Attorney's office from 1997 to 2001
- Head of Schenectady County's Public Defender Office for 11 years
- Tried over 60 felony trials to verdict
- Award Winning Attorney:
 - New York State Bar Association Denison Ray Award (2006)
 - NAACP Arthur Chaires Excellence in Law Enforcement Award (2005)
- Adjunct Professor of Law for over 15 years at local colleges
- Raised his daughters, Alexandra (22), senior at Union College, and Gabriella (19), sophomore at Salem State University
- Actor, Ryan Gosling's defense attorney in "Place Beyond the Pines"

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