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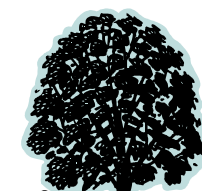
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BRING YOUR APPETITE to benefit WOODLAWN PARK

The Woodlawn Park Redevelopment Committee of the
Woodlawn Neighborhood Association will be holding its

ANNUAL ZITI & MEATBALL DINNER FUNDRAISER

When: Wednesday, January 8th, 2014 ~ 5:30 - 7pm
Where: Woodlawn Reformed Church ~ 1858 State St.
Tickets: Advance Tickets: \$8 / Children (12 & under): \$5 / At the Door: \$10

Purchase your advance tickets at Grasso's Barber Shop - 2506 Albany Street
or call/email Spero Zoulas - 331-0929/WoodlawnPark411@gmail.com

Dinner includes ziti & meatballs, Perreca's bread, salad, dessert and beverages

TAKE OUT ALSO AVAILABLE

**Money raised from this event will go towards the planned addition of
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To learn more about the park's redevelopment efforts and events, visit our facebook page

A Message From Neighborhood Association President:

STAR Registration Program – IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Deadline December 31

New legislation requires all homeowners receiving a Basic STAR exemption to **re-register** with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and subsequent years. Information regarding this process was mailed to your home earlier this year. You can register by calling (518) 457-2036 or going to the website –

<https://www8.tax.ny.gov/STRP/strpStart> You will need to confirm that the property is the primary residence of one of its owners (married couples with multiple residences may only claim one STAR exemption) and confirm that the combined income of the owners and their spouses who reside at the property does not exceed \$500,000. The online process takes not more than five minutes to complete.

Senior citizens receiving Enhanced STAR benefits are not affected by the new registration requirement, which applies to Basic STAR benefits only. Please be sure to apply before December 31.

Recycling Coming to OUR Neighborhood!

On **Wednesday, November 13**, 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 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 05. 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at home, 377-8810 or Ekosiur@verizon.net

Ed Kosiur—President, Woodlawn Neighborhood Association



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Woodlawn Preserve

We purchased and placed an additional 18 jersey barriers in the Preserve, blocking some of the more wide open access points, which has effectively reduced the amount of ATV traffic as compared to the previous year. Still some vandalism occurring in the form of illegal fires, evidence of partying, and dirt bikes, so this is an ongoing process. Thanks to Dave Berard for his ongoing commitment in monitoring the activity in the Preserve.

News about the fish stocking project: the DEC sent a letter to the mayor requesting permission, and the mayor signed. Come spring, the DEC will be in there to test the water quality, assess the depth, and assist in stocking. The possibility exists that they may declare it a state water. We are also a few steps further along in the design phase for the handicapped platform which will allow handicapped access to fishing in the pond. Many thanks to Cole Denning for his continued coordination of this effort.

Many thanks to a new volunteer, Arden Lawand. Arden is a retired graphic artist, and with her talents we now have a beautiful design for the Woodlawn School garden. We are waiting for approval from the school administrator to proceed with the project; hopefully some of the infrastructure can be in place before the snow flies. Arden is also assisting with a tri-fold brochure hikers will be able to use when navigating the Preserve.

In recognition of the holiday season our next meeting will be a combined November/December meeting, to be held on December 4th at the Hibernian Hall at 7pm. All are welcome.

As always, if you see or hear of any activity within the Preserve that is suspicious or illegal please report to Schenectady PD non-emergency number at 382-5263. To report illegal poaching or hunting our DEC officer is Jason DeAngelis, he can be reached at 357-2047.

Janet Chen
210-5439



The Golden Ear—By John Rose

This Is A Gossip Column



The Woodlawn Neighborhood Association 4th annual Christmas dinner and sing-a-long will be held on **Wednesday, December 11 at 6 PM, Kingsway Nursing Home** banquet room. Those who wish to attend need to sign up with Lou Grasso at his barber shop on 2506 Albany St. or by phone, 346-6775 . **Limited to 50 folks.** Priority will be given to regular members of the Neighborhood Association and a waiting list will be established if needed.

St. Paul's Men's Club will host a breakfast on **Sunday, November 17** from **8 AM—1 PM** at the church. The breakfast will feature omelets, pancakes, Belgium waffles, sausage and tator tots!

The Woodlawn Reformed Church will host a turkey dinner on **Saturday, November 9 from 4:30—6:30 PM** at the church hall, 1858 State Street.

With the Holiday season just around the corner, I'm adding a new feature which will include some easy recipes. One of my favorites!

3 lbs. confectionary sugar, 1 lb. butter or margarine (softened), 2 lbs. peanut butter, 2 packages semi-sweet chocolate chips.

Mix the above ingredients well & shape into small balls (marble size) and chill for two hours. Melt the chocolate chips in a double-boiler. With a toothpick dip the peanut butter balls into melted chocolate. Place onto wax paper and chill. Makes over 200 balls! Enjoy!

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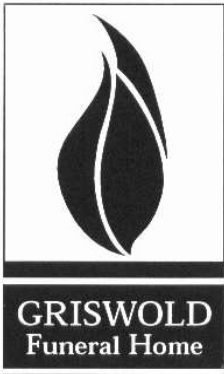
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If you have any suggestions pertaining to any of these committees, call the Chairperson or mail them to the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association at: 2506 Albany Street, Schenectady, NY 12304.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2013

General Membership meeting at 7 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall, Woodlawn Reformed Church, 1858 State Street. (No general meeting in December)

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

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Woodlawn Park

Area of Reflection Dedication Brings out Community!!!

What an exciting and transformational summer 2013 brought to the Woodlawn community. After some major changes to the park's layout as part of the park's first phase of redevelopment this past season, the community came out to celebrate and remember those who served our neighborhood with distinction. **Mayor McCarthy and several city officials came out to unveil the park's new Area of Reflection.** This space now serves to pay tribute to four neighborhood volunteers who recently passed, to honor the spirit of community volunteerism, and to remember of those in our lives who have passed. **The families of Art Howenstein, Carol Gillman, John King and Courtney Erickson** were in attendance to be a part of the dedication ceremony as we unveiled the area's new placard and benches commemorating each of their loved ones who worked to make Woodlawn and our community a better place. Mayor McCarthy presented the volunteers of the park's redevelopment group a **proclamation naming Sunday, September 29th, 2013 Woodlawn Park Day!** The proclamation is on display in the park's bulletin board. Make sure to visit the park and check it out. Local media was in attendance during the ceremony and the park was featured in the Gazette and on local news stations, WRGB and WNYT. The day was a picture perfect fall afternoon, and visitors were very impressed with the transformation of the park in the last couple of years. Thank you to all who attended and to the volunteers who work to improve our park.

The Woodlawn Park Redevelopment Committee is starting to prepare for our Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser. The yearly event has become a staple in Woodlawn and we want to continue with the success. **The event will be held again at the Woodlawn Reformed Church the evening of Wednesday, January 8th from 5:30-7 PM. We will be holding a 50/50 raffle and our marquee Auction Item Raffle featuring many great items from local businesses.** We will also have a table of Woodlawn Park & Preserve merchandise for sale. Advanced tickets will soon be on sale. **See the event announcement featured in this edition of the Woodlawn Connection.** We hope you can make it out to this fun and inspiring event!

As the event day approaches, we will feature announcements and auction items on our facebook page, www.facebook.com/WoodlawnParkSNY. Check it out and make sure to 'like' us if you haven't already.

In the interim, please feel free to purchase one of our **Woodlawn Park & Preserve shirts**. In addition to the t-shirts, we now also offer *crew, hooded, and zip-up hooded sweatshirts – just in time for the Fall!* We are currently taking orders if we don't have your size. Inquiries on our assortment of shirts can be directed to Cathi Rapisarda (370-3333 or princessdarlingdearest@yahoo.com). **Show your support for a great cause while displaying your neighborhood spirit!**

Once again, we thank the community for its continued support.

Warm regards,
Spero Zoulas - Chair of Woodlawn Park Redevelopment Committee
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