

THE SLOAN CONNECTION

KEEPING OUR VILLAGE RESIDENTS INFORMED AND CONNECTED

FALL WINTER 2013

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR NIWINSKI

Our fall/winter issue of "The Sloan Connection" covers upcoming events for the next several months including Halloween, Christmas, and our Annual "Soup on Sunday". All residents are welcome to join in these activities, so mark the dates on your calendar and I hope to see you there.

This Friday, October 4th, we are hosting a VNA Flu Clinic at Village Hall. The hours will be from 9:00am to 2:00pm and is open to everyone.

On Saturday, October 5th, the Sloan Fire Department will be participating with other Cheektowaga companies in Fire Prevention activities at Kmart on Walden Avenue from 12:00 to 3:00pm.

Back by popular demand, we are offering another six week course in ballroom dancing, beginning October 21st.

In the Summer issue, we discussed the purchase of new equipment for the Department of Public Works. In June, the DPW received three zero-turn grass mowers. This machinery enables the department to work more efficiently while maintaining the grass at our two parks, Village Hall, Community Center, Lovejoy and Halstead properties. Additionally, the DPW is cutting grass at numerous houses throughout the Village that have been abandoned or are in foreclosure. We are still awaiting the arrival of our 2014 Johnston Vacuum Street Sweeper, which is on back-order with the manufacturer until November. This new apparatus will replace several pieces of equipment: the 27 year old sweeper, sewer vac truck and leaf vacuum.

I want to thank our resi-

dents, their friends and families who participated in our numerous summer events. We had record-breaking attendance at the four concerts in Griffith Park. The 1st Annual Village-wide garage sale on August 17th was a huge success, with over 80 houses participating and shoppers were in our Village from as far away as East Aurora and Eden. The Family Picnic the next day was extremely successful; the water slide was enjoyed by both children and adults. Over fifty people removed their shoes, rolled up their pants and hopped in the pool for duck races! It was quite a sight to see! Pictures can be viewed on the Sloan Village website at: www.villageofsloan.org.

Best of health to all.

REMINDERS

Daylight Saving Time ends on Saturday, November 2. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one (1) hour before you go to bed at night. For Fire Prevention Month, replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO detector.

The winter parking ban goes into effect on November 15, 2013 and continues through April 1, 2014. Violators will be ticketed and/or towed. Parking permits for the village hall or fire department parking lots must be obtained from Village Hall. Permits are available after November 4th.

If you are 60 yrs or older, you qualify for the Erie County Nutrition Lunch Program. Meals are served Mon-Fri at noon for a suggested donation of \$3.50. Call Helen or Ed at 897-1389 for more information.

**FLU & PNEUMONIA SHOT CLINIC—
Friday, 10/4 9am-2pm
at Village Hall.**

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Are you annoyed when door-to-door solicitors come knocking? It seems they have the knack of ringing your doorbell the second you sit down to dinner. There are ways to prevent them from coming to your house. Call Village Hall and request your address be added to the "No Solicitors" list we maintain.

This list is provided to every person who receives a solicitation permit from the Village. You have the right to ask a solicitor for proof of a Sloan-issued permit. If they are unable to provide one, you can contact the Cheektowaga Police non-emergency number at 686-3501. Do not be pressured into providing copies of

your utility bills under the pretense of your gas or electric being turned off. This is a high-pressure sales tactic used by many companies. Never let a solicitor in your house and should they refuse to leave, call 911. The only exception to the permit requirement is for religious organizations. BE SMART, BE SAFE!

TOTES, TOTES AND MORE TOTES!

We are 9 months into our tote program and have seen a substantial increase in tonnage of recyclable materials. We all benefit with cost savings when we increase recycling and reduce the amount sent to landfills, so keep up the good work! You can recycle big items, such as hose reels and plastic chairs, by placing them alongside your recycling tote during your week for pick-up. Check the acceptable item list on your cart for a reminder of materials you can recycle. These are valuable commodities that are made into new products like napkins, park benches, clothing and carpeting. Modern Inc. will be mailing out 2014 recycling schedules to all residents in December. Watch the mail for your copy!



What Recycling Schedule is Your Street?

“A” Red Week- Wagner, Atlantic, Lackawanna, Village Lane, Michael,

Halstead, Curtiss, Griffith and those portions of Broadway, Reiman, Gates and Lovejoy that are west of Boll Street

“B” Blue Week- Boll, Currier, Roland, Crocker, Francis, Jackson, Rutland, Harlem, Gierlach, Franklin, Blick, those portions of Broadway, Reiman, Gates and Lovejoy that are east of Boll, and the Southside of Sloan off of William Street

There are still many questions regarding the garbage tote program. Listed below is the proper way to dispose of non-household trash.

Electronics- Drop at the Town of Cheektowaga Highway garage on Union Rd.

Branches- Tie securely in bundles not exceeding 4'. Place in garbage tote if possible. If they cannot fit, lay the tied bundles alongside garbage tote.

Grass clippings&yard debris- Bagged and placed inside your garbage tote.

Carpet & Padding- Roll and tie/tape securely in bundles not exceeding 4' and

leave alongside garbage tote.

Construction material- Modern Inc. will not pick up any construction material. Material can be taken directly to the transfer station at 793 S. Ogden for a small fee. This includes wood, fencing, drywall, roofing, siding, concrete, brick etc.

Leaves- Rake and pile (do not bag) on grassy area between street and sidewalk.

In an ongoing effort to reduce the rodent infestation, there should be no extra trash bags on the ground or on top of your tote.

Extra bags will not be picked up by Modern. Your garbage tote should not be overfull, causing the lid to not close securely. If you are in need of an extra tote, they are available for purchase at Village Hall: 95 gal trash tote \$45 / 65 gal trash tote \$42 / 65 gal recycling tote \$42. Additionally, all totes should be placed at curbside with the arrows pointing towards the street.

If you have any questions, please contact Village Hall directly at 897-1560.

FROM ALAN WIEBERG, FIRE CHIEF

October 5th through the 12th is Fire Prevention Week. Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the 1871 tragedy that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 structures.

This year's message is "Prevent Kitchen Fires". More fires start in kitchens than any other part of the home. The leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking and most fires start on the stovetop. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, broiling or grilling food. If you are baking, roasting or boiling food, check it regularly and use a kitchen timer to remind you that you're

cooking. Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains- away from your stovetop. Always keep a lid nearby to smother small grease fires. For an oven fire, turn the heat off and keep the door closed. Get out of the house and call 911.

It is also the time of year to change the batteries in smoke and CO detectors. If your detectors are older than five years, it is time to replace them. Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless gas produced when fuels burn incompletely. Both cooking and heating equipment can produce this deadly gas. CO detectors should be installed on every sleeping level and on each floor where there is a fuel

burning appliance. Should your CO detector sound, immediately move to a fresh air location and call 911. With winter approaching in the next few months, please remember to run a generator only in a well ventilated outdoor area, away from windows, doors and vent openings. During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.

The Sloan Active Hose Company will be participating in a Fire Prevention Event at Kmart on Walden Avenue on October 5th, from 12:00 to 3:00pm. Please stop in with your families for activities and prevention awareness.

YOUTH RECREATION CENTER — GRAND RE-OPENING

We would like to announce the GRAND RE-OPENING of the SLOAN YOUTH RECREATION CENTER, upstairs at the John A. Community Center, 140 Halstead Avenue on Tuesday, October 1, 4pm—8pm. Please come by and see the remodeling, repainting, and the list of new events! The season will start with a Pizza Party on Friday, October 4. All Village youth residents ages 8 yrs and up are welcome to join in the fun! 7 yrs or younger, must be accompanied by an adult. Village ID photo cards are available at the Rec Center during hours of operation: Tues—Fri 4-8pm and Sat Noon—8pm. Closed Sun & Mon. Monthly calendars listing the upcoming special events will be available in the Rec Center. Some of the upcoming events include: Hawaiian Luau Party, Game Night, Bingo Party, Holiday Craft Days, Pizza Party/Dance, Playstation and Wii tournaments. A Madden Football tourney that will end up in playoffs and SuperBowl tournament party! Later in the season will be a Hockey playoff! Once a month, there will be Cooking Camps: Spooky Snacks, Thanksgiving Specials, Christmas Cookies and Gifts from the Kitchen (children will make cookies and a gift to take home). Additional classes will follow depending on interest. Boys and girls are welcome to attend all events! So, come by, see the new changes, meet the new staff, make some new friends, and enjoy yourselves! Anyone wanting additional information can call Village Hall at 897-1560 Mon-Fri 9am—4pm or Sloan Rec Center at 897-1389 during the hours of operation. Hope to see some old and new faces this Fall!!

FROM GENE BESZCZYNSKI, DPW CHIEF

With fall arriving, I would like to remind all residents that in the next few weeks, depending on the weather and the speed with which the leaves begin dropping, our department will begin regular leaf pick up and continue throughout the season as required.

We ask that the leaves not be bagged, but raked into piles on the grassy area between the sidewalk and street. Please do not place piles in the street, as they wash into the storm drains and clog the flow of rainwater. Leaf pick up will begin in the east side of the

Village (Harlem Rd.) to the west (Wagner Ave.) and Southside on a regular schedule until the first snowfall. We are currently servicing and getting our snow plows, salters, and equipment ready for the first sign of inclement weather.

OTHER VILLAGE NEWS....

Thanksgiving Food Collection Drive for the Village of Sloan

The St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Frank L. Gierlach Post is again sponsoring the Thanksgiving Turkey and December Food GiveAways to needy families in the Village of Sloan. Turkeys and non-perishable foods that are not outdated can be dropped off during November and December at either Village Hall or St. Andrew's Church rectory.

ALL HOMEOWNERS

You MUST re-apply for BASIC Star this year. If you have not received your postcard yet, please contact Cheektowaga Town Hall at 686-3400

BALLROOM DANCING CONTINUES

If you have not yet participated in any of the class instructions, you are welcome to join in at the Sloan Fire Hall with all the returning dancers. Instruction will include: tango, rum-

ba, cha-cha, swing, and many others. Don't worry if you don't have a partner, come alone and meet someone new! Our instructor has been teaching dance instruction for years! Classes will be held on Monday's beginning again on October 21 through November 25 between the hours of 6:30pm - 8:30pm and will run for another 6 weeks. If you are interested, please call Carol at 824-0504 for more information. You can also call Village Hall at 897-1560.

4TH ANNUAL SOUP ON SUNDAY

MARK YOUR 2014 CALENDARS—Your new, favorite wintertime event is back again!! The Sloan Events Committee is hosting this fundraiser to support the 5th Annual Sloan Family Picnic in August 2014! As always, we will have a variety of homemade soups and chili's—remember, it's first come, first serve, so, be there early so you don't miss out on any of your favorites!

- DATE:** Sunday, March 2, 2014
- TIME:** 12:30 p.m.—??? Will serve until all soup is gone
- PLACE:** Sloan Fire Hall, 55 Gates Street
- DONATION:** \$5.00 for adults / \$2.00 ages 6-10 / Kids 5 and under free

TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS \$3.00 / CANNED POP & DESSERTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE / BREAD, COFFEE, TEA INCLUDED / SPLIT CLUB RAFFLE THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.

VILLAGE OF SLOAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 31 Halloween Parade begins at 5:30 in front of St. Andrew's Church and continues to the John A Piekarski Community Center for the candy give away. Village ID or proof of residency required at the door.

October 31 Trick or Treating 6:00pm-8:00pm

December 2 Chinese Auction tickets for sale at Village Hall—Baskets will be on display. Tickets are \$5 per sheet of 25.

December 15 Village Christmas Party & Chinese Auction at the Sloan Fire Hall from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Crafts, caroling, a visit and pictures with Santa.

March 2, 2014 "Soup On Sunday" begins at 12:30pm at Sloan Fire Hall, 55 Gates Street

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 15 7pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop Richard J. Malone

October 20 11am Polka Mass followed by Krolick's chicken or rib dinner and pie sale. Call rectory @ 892-0425 for more information

November 28 9am Liturgy Thanksgiving Day

December 15 9am-1pm Breakfast w/Santa & Cookie Sale with activities for the kids

December 15 5pm Christmas Remembrance Service

December 24 4pm & 10pm Christmas Eve mass

December 25 8am & 11am Christmas Day mass

****NOTE**** Every wknd in October STARCC Raving Mad House will be open. Adults \$5 / 12-under \$3 / Fri & Sat 6-10pm, Sun 5-9pm / Bring a non-perishable food item and receive \$1 off entry ticket.

Annual Village of Sloan Christmas Basket Raffle - Since 2008, the Village staff has organized a Chinese auction raffle to benefit families in our community. To date, \$2,275 has been raised and distributed to those families or seniors in need during the holiday season. Baskets and gift cards are graciously donated from local businesses, residents and employees. All monies raised are used to purchase gift certificates from the Sloan Supermarket or Wal-Mart, which are then sent to Village families from "Santa". If you are interested in donating an item, basket or gift card, please contact Karen or Debbie at 897-1560. A sheet of 25 tickets is \$5. Ticket sales will begin on December 2nd at Village Hall. Raffle drawings will be at the Village Christmas Party, December 15th; you need not be present to win.

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