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THE SLOAN CONNECTION

KEEPING OUR VILLAGE RESIDENTS INFORMED AND CONNECTED

FALL WINTER 2016

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR NIWINSKI

As reported in our last issue of the Sloan Connection, the Village has worked closely with the Buffalo and Erie Land Bank (BENLIC) and successfully demolished the vacant house at 83 Roland Street. Additionally, we completed an emergency demolition of a house on Celina Street after it had been damaged by fire earlier this year. We are continuing to develop a list of referrals to BENLIC for properties to be either refurbished or razed, depending on their condition. One of the criteria for referral is that the property must be delinquent on all property taxes for a minimum of three years. This actually limits referrals, as many vacant properties are considered "zombie" houses- properties that are in bank pre-foreclosure or foreclosure status. However, NYS has approved a new law "The Foreclosure Relief Act" that goes into effect on December 20, 2016. This new law requires banking institutions to maintain properties during the foreclosure process, creates a state-wide registry of vacant properties and gives local municipalities fining authority through their respective court systems.

In 2014, we completed Phase 1 of much-needed repairs to the sanitary sewer system on Jackson Avenue. We have recently awarded a contract to CMH Company for

Phase 2 of the project, where approximately 30 laterals and 300 feet of piping will be replaced. Unfortunately, as the sanitary sewers are located in the area between the sidewalk and street, they will have to remove an additional 16 trees. This Phase should be completed by the start of 2017.

I have served on the Board of the Village of Sloan since 2005; four years as Trustee, three years as Deputy Mayor and five years as Mayor. We have had many accomplishments such as the garbage/recycling tote program, Soup on Sunday and Family Picnic events, infrastructure improvements, updated park and highway equipment, and several vacant structures demolished. Working with my fellow Board members and Departments to move our Village forward has been an honor. Recent family difficulties and a change in work schedule have limited my availability to the responsibilities of serving an elected position with our Village. Therefore, I have decided to not seek another Mayoral term. I will remain an active contributor through volunteering as needed, and also work with the newly elected Mayor for an easy transition.

REMINDERS

Daylight Savings Time ends on Saturday, November 5th. Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one (1) hour before you go to bed at night.

The Winter Parking Ban goes into effect on November 15, 2016 and continues through April 1, 2017.

Violators will be ticketed and/or towed. Parking permits for the village hall and fire department lots or by Griffith Pool must be obtained from Village Hall. Permits are free and currently available.

ALL snow plow drivers MUST obtain a snow plow permit for the Village of Sloan. They can be obtained at Village Hall during regular business hours. A valid drivers license, current insurance, and registration is required. There is a \$25 fee per permit. One permit may include numerous addresses.

FROM GENE BESZCZYNSKI, DPW CHIEF

Once the leaves start falling, we would like to remind everyone that our department will pick up all leaves that are raked onto the headland area throughout autumn, weather permitting. The headland is the grassy area between the sidewalk and

curb. Please do not rake any leaves into the street, as it blocks the flow of rainwater into the storm drains, which may lead to potential flooding. Residents do not need to call regarding leaves, as our department will continue to pick up piles along desig-

nated routes, working from Harlem to Wagner, and then the south side of the Village. Just a reminder and for the safety of your neighbors, please keep your sidewalks clear of all ice and snow. Additionally, do not throw or blow any snow into the streets as this results in a driv-

VILLAGE OF SLOAN 2016 FAMILY PICNIC



On August 21st, the Village held its' 7th Annual Family Picnic in Griffith Street Park. About 150 Sloan residents attended and enjoyed great food and an enjoyable time with their neighbors and Village friends! Sack races, adult BINGO, musical chairs and duck races in the pool were just a few of the activities. A water slide provided hours of fun for the younger crowd and G&N Sounds entertained us with music. The picnic is funded by the Soup on Sunday event held every March and through generous donations from Sloan Market and Sahlens.

Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual Family Picnic scheduled for August 27, 2017!



FROM ALAN WIEBERG, SLOAN FIRE CHIEF

The Sloan Fire Department will be teaching a certified CPR class on Thursday, October 27th, 6:00pm at the Fire Hall. The class is approximately three hours long and the small fee will be covered by our department for all residents. Class is limited in size so registration is necessary. Anyone interested in attending can email sloanfd@sloanfd.org or leave a message at 897-1564. We are

able to provide this through our great working relationship with AMR (formerly Rural Metro Ambulance) who sponsors the CPR program.

October is Fire Prevention Month. We want to remind our residents of the importance of having working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the base-

ment. In a fire, seconds count. Working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire by half. Test your alarms monthly and replace any that are not functioning well or older than 10 years. Every member of your household should recognize the sound of the smoke alarm and know how to react. Call 911 from outside your home. **SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!**

SLOAN YOUTH RECREATION CENTER

The Sloan Youth Recreation Center, located upstairs at the Piekarski Community Ctr, 140 Halstead Ave, is currently open. All Village youth residents ages 8 yrs and up are welcome to join; 7 yrs or younger must be

accompanied by an adult. Village ID required, photo ID cards available at the Rec Center during hours of operation: Wed-Fri 3:30-7:30pm and Sat Noon-6pm. Closed Sun, Mon & Tues. The Exercise Room open same

hours as Rec Center. Hours subject to change during school breaks. Check at the Rec Center for any upcoming special events, crafts, movie nights, etc. There will be a sign up sheet for these events. Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE

Since 2008, the Village office staff has organized a basket raffle to benefit families in our Village. To date, over \$6400 has been raised and distributed to those in need during the holiday season. Baskets and gift cards are graciously donated from local businesses, residents, employees, DPW and Fire Dept. All monies raised are used to

purchase gift certificates from Sloan Supermarket or Wal-Mart which are then sent to Village families in need. 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 for \$5.00 available for purchase after December 7th at Village Hall. Drawing will be at the

Christmas Party on Dec. 18th; you need not be present to win. Many thanks to the following businesses for their continued support: Sloan Supermarket, Mighty Taco, Ideal Concrete, Pizza Express, Lovejoy Pizza, Holiday Showcase, Anderson's, Tops, Key Liquors, Jim's Steak Out, and Over-time Sports Bar.

RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTION INFORMATION

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 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

Refuse / Recycling Holiday Collection

Pick ups will be Friday, November 25th for Thanksgiving, Friday, December 30th for Christmas and Friday, January 6th for New Year's Day.

Additional totes available for purchase at Village Hall. \$45 for 95 gallon totes, \$42 for 65 gallon totes. Recycling totes are only available in 65 gallon. Totes can be delivered by our Highway Department to your home if you are unable to take them with you.

7TH ANNUAL SOUP ON SUNDAY

Mark your calendars now for your favorite Village winter event! Remember, it's first come/first serve, so be there early. We wouldn't want you to miss out on any of your favorites!

DATE: Sunday, March 5, 2017
TIME: 12:30 pm—???? Will serve until all the soup is gone
PLACE: Sloan Fire Hall, 55 Gates Street
DONATION: \$7.00 for adults / \$3.00 ages 6-10 / Kids 5 & under free

Take-Out containers \$4.00 / Canned pop & homemade desserts available for purchase / Bread, Coffee, Tea included / Split Club Raffle held throughout the event



Soup Lovers in line since 11:10am !!!

VILLAGE OF SLOAN EVENTS

10/31/16 Halloween Parade begins at 6:00pm 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.

10/31/16 Trick or Treating 6:00pm-8:00pm

12/7/16 Basket Raffle tickets for sale at Village Hall-Baskets will be on display. Tickets are \$5.00 per sheet of 25.

12/18/16 Village Christmas Party & Basket Raffle at Sloan Fire Hall 2:00pm-4:00pm

3/5/17 "Soup On Sunday" 12:30pm at the Sloan Fire Hall, 55 Gates Street

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/24/16 Thanksgiving Mass 9:00am

12/11/16 Breakfast with Santa-Parish Hall 9:00am-1:00pm, ages 6 & over \$8.00 donation, 5 & under \$3.00. Buffet breakfast/pictures/crafts/activities for kids. Remembrance Tree Service 5:00pm.

12/24/16 Christmas Eve Mass 4:00pm & 10:00pm

12/25/16 Christmas Day Mass 8:00am & 11:00am

1/29/17 Youth Group Pancake Breakfast 9:00am-1:00pm \$6.00 11-adult / \$2.00 10-under. Theme Basket & Share The Wealth Raffles.

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