

# THE SLOAN CONNECTION

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KEEPING OUR VILLAGE RESIDENTS INFORMED AND CONNECTED

SPRING/SUMMER 2017

## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR FERRUCCI

As your newly elected Mayor, I want to take this opportunity to thank every resident who came out and voted on March 21, 2017. Your overwhelming support was both gratifying and inspiring to me. I would also like to thank my family, friends, the People's Choice Party, fellow Board members, Village staff and especially my wife, Claire, for the ongoing encouragement during this transition. My two years as Trustee and five years on the Zoning Board has provided me with the experience and confidence to lead our Village and make the best possible decisions for our

residents.

I look forward to collaborating with Trustees Barry Ping, Tammy Bayes, and newly elected member, Paul Zogaria, as the Village continues to work with the DEC on our mandated sewer repairs. Other future endeavors include sewer televising, facility maintenance, addressing vacant homes and long-term financial planning.

With the passing of the New York State budget in April, Governor Cuomo has legislated a Countywide Shared Services Plan initiative. As Mayor, I will represent our Village on a panel with all Supervisors and Mayors

in Erie County to research a plan to reduce property taxes by instituting initiatives of shared services or transfer of functions. This panel is chaired by County Executive Poloncarz, who is responsible for the development of the plan itself. There will be several public hearings held by the County over the next several months. When the dates are scheduled, we will post them on our website at [www.villageofsloan.org](http://www.villageofsloan.org).

On behalf of my colleagues, we are committed to lead our Village with teamwork and professionalism, providing our residents with superior

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## FROM THE DESK OF TRUSTEE TAMMY BAYES

In April, Mayor Ferrucci re-appointed me as the Board liaison to the Crime Resistance program run by the Cheektowaga Police Department. Officer Paul Nazzarett leads this informative group at our open monthly meetings, held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of

each month at the Senior Center on Broadway, beginning at 7:15pm. The most recent topic is the rising instances of "car poppings" occurring in all neighborhoods. Poppings are different than a break-in, as all vehicles involved have been left unlocked either on the street or

in driveways. The Cheektowaga Police Department recommends you always keep your car locked and not leave any valuables in view. On August 1, 2017, at 6:00 pm, National Night Out will be held in Griffith Street Park. All residents are welcome to join us

## FROM ALAN WIEBERG, FIRE CHIEF

**How much do you know about your village fire department?** All new members are required to become NYS certified in both firefighting and EMS. Firefighter I is a 150 hour course certifying our members to wear an airpack and enter a structural fire. CFR (Certified First Responder) is the minimum EMS certification required. However, 17 members committed to the

extra 50 training hours and became certified as EMTs (Emergency Medical Technician). These are just the minimum requirements; most of our members continue taking more courses and obtain many other certifications. Once a member has completed their required courses, they are sworn in as an active member. The Department then purchases new turnout gear for

them, which includes a turnout coat, pants, helmet, gloves, and boots. This equipment costs well over \$2000 per firefighter. According to NFPA requirements, this equipment must be replaced every 10 years. We work hard to financially plan so we can meet these requirements. Much of the fire department's budget goes towards meeting annual requirements set forth by state and federal

## SEWER NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In the Village's ongoing effort to comply with the Order on Consent issued from the NYS DEC, we have applied for and been awarded \$200,000 in Engineering Planning Grants (EPG). The grants are specifi-

cally for investigation of our sanitary system throughout the Village to include manhole inspections, televising and flow monitoring. Our engineer will review and based on the results, develop a corrective

action plan. Upon plan approval by the DEC, we will start the lengthy process of applying for financial assistance to help pay for these costly repairs. As this process develops, we will keep our residents informed of

## FROM GENE BESZCZYNSKI, DPW CREW CHIEF

Lovejoy Street has encountered our most recent construction project. Coordinating with Erie County Water Authority, they began replacing the main supply lines from Wagner to Boll Streets which

were over 75 years old. Upon completion of their portion, the village will undertake some sewer repairs to help with drainage issues in that area. This summer, with a shared services agreement

with the Town of Cheektowaga, the roadway will be milled and paved. We would like to remind everyone to please not blow any grass clippings into the streets while mowing. Clippings wash into the storm

## TIDBITS AND OTHER INFORMATION.....

Beginning Aug 20, Girl Scout Troop 30017 will be meeting at the Piekarski Center. Any girls starting 3rd-5th grade who are

interested may call Village Hall for more information.

Recycle your fridge, it will be picked up for free and you get

\$30. Call 1-800-294-0824 or visit [nysseg.com/energyefficiencyprograms/recycle](http://nysseg.com/energyefficiencyprograms/recycle) for more information.

## 15TH ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, a few friends, buy a few refreshments at the concession stand, get a few split club tickets and get your new commemorative T-shirt!

**June 22 Disco Duck 7:00 to 9:00pm** Kick off the summer and relive the music and spirit of the Disco Era with these talented entertainers! Don't forget your dancing shoes!

**July 6 Crash Cadillac 7:00 to 9:00pm** Rock 'n Roll sounds from the 50's to the 90's will bring back all those memories, performing music for everyone to enjoy.

**July 20 The Reminders 7:00 to 9:00pm** Enjoy the sounds of this Buffalo Music Award winning acoustic trio as they perform classic Beatles, Eagles, America and more!

**August 3 Five Friend Wayne 7:00 to 9:00pm** Classic, southern rock and current pop hits are the specialty of this local band as they perform again for our listening

## SLOAN'S 8TH ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Come join all your friends and neighbors for another year of great fun, games for all ages, and fantastic food! Hot dogs and pop will be provided. Please bring your favorite family dish to share with everyone as well as your own blankets and lawn chairs! There will be tables, chairs, and tarps set up to protect everyone from the sun or rain!! Bingo, water balloon toss, entertainment, duck races, a water slide and more!!! **Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM—DUSK**

## VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE AND YARD SALE

On **Saturday, August 26th** the Village of Sloan is inviting all residents to participate in its' Village Wide Garage and Yard Sale! Clean out your basements, attics, sheds, or garages and make a few dollars in your own yard! Residents who plan on participating can call Village Hall at 897-1560

## SLOAN ACTIVE HOSE COMPANY #1 - SUMMER RAFFLE

**1st Prize: Oklahoma Joe's Longhorn Black Triple-Function Combo Grill**

**2nd Prize: Coleman 60-Quart Wheeled Cooler Full of Cheer**

**3rd Prize: Sloan Super Market Meat Package**

**Donation \$5.00 per ticket / Tickets available from any Fire Fighter or at Village Hall**

**Drawing to be held on July 6, 2017 at the Sloan Concert**

## GRIFFITH PARK SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Greetings from the Recreation Dept! The pool will tentatively open on June 26. Scheduled hours are Sun 11am-4pm and Mon-Sat 11am-7:30pm. The pool is open to Sloan youths up to age 12. Village ID cards can be used for our pool,

Cheektowaga pools and any Village holiday programs. To get a card, bring a current picture of your child/grandchild, and proof of residency. We are also excited to continue our Theme Wednesdays program! Starting Wed July 5<sup>th</sup>, we will

offer different theme days between noon-2pm at the pool shelter. See you this summer!!

7/5 America the Beautiful

7/12 Dream Catcher Day

7/19 Tye Dye Day,

7/26 Under the Sea

## REFUSE & RECYCLING HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Memorial Day—Thursday, May 29— Collection will be delayed until Friday, June 2, 2017

Independence Day—Tuesday, July 4—Collection will be delayed until Friday, July 7, 2017

## ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

St. Andrew's Consignment Shop—Open Tue/Thurs/Sat 11am-4pm. For more information call: Jeanie at 909-6669. 6/18 8 & 11am Father's Day Mass

6/11 8am Sloan Fireman's Mass No Bible study in June

## RECYCLING ALL YEAR ROUND - DID YOU KNOW.....

Over 75% of what we throw away could be recycled. Please help protect the environment and learn what items are acceptable or not, together our efforts will make a difference.

**ACCEPTABLE:** Cardboard-can be cut into flat sections and placed next to tote, Paper bags, pizza boxes-wax paper sheet must be removed, junk mail envelopes, flyers, brochures, postcards, paper board not wax coated-cereal, cracker, cookie

boxes, newspapers with no rubber bands, strings, or bags, magazines, catalogs, paper, phone books, empty steel/tin cans, empty clear bottles/jars, empty plastic jugs, bottles, household plastic containers like mayo, salad dressing, margarine tubs, mustard, ketchup, kitchen cookware, metal pots, pans, tins, utensils, large rigid plastic items like: lawn chairs, kitty litter tubs, 5 gallon plastic buckets, children's large plastic toys.

**UNACCEPTABLE:** Styrofoam containers or packaging, wax coated juice/milk containers, household garbage, paint cans, medical waste, batteries, flammable liquids, household cleaners, wood items, concrete, garden hose or rubber items, electrical cords, tires, branches, yard waste, grass clippings, light bulbs, dishes or ceramics, plastic grocery store bags, pool liners, tarps, covers, propane tanks, plate glass, mirrors.

## DOOR - TO - DOOR SOLICITORS

Are you annoyed when door-to-door solicitors come knocking? If the answer is yes, please call Village Hall and request that your address be added to the "No Solicitors" list we maintain. This list is provided to every person who is granted a solicitation

permit from the Village. You have every right to ask a solicitor for proof of a Sloan issued permit. If they are unable to provide one, contact Cheektowaga Police Dept at 686-3501. Do not be pressured into providing copies of your utility bills

to anyone under the pretense that they will be disconnected. Never let a solicitor in your house and if you feel you are being pressured or they will not leave, call 911 immediately. The only exception to the permit requirements is for religious organizations.

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