

THE SLOAN CONNECTION

KEEPING OUR VILLAGE RESIDENTS INFORMED AND CONNECTED WINTER/SPRING 2025

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR FERRUCCI

March has finally arrived and spring is just a few weeks off. Winter seemed exceptionally long this year with plenty of snow, wind and ice challenging us and our Highway Department. In October of 2022, the Village ordered two new plow trucks and after numerous production delays, the chassis were received in April. Valley Fab, the company that outfits them to plow trucks by adding the beds, salters, lights and specialized equipment have finally taken possession of the vehicles. By mid-April, they should be fully completed. Although this will be after the winter season, we are ready for next year!

Throughout the fall and into January, our contractor had been working in Griffith Park to complete a full rehabilitation of the bathrooms. To meet federal

ADA compliancy, the exterior entrance door was moved and replaced. In the spring, an epoxy, non-slip floor will be applied to the main room to ensure the safety of our children who use the splash pad. With the planned spring 2025 replacement of the “five to twelve” age-appropriate equipment, the Griffith Park Pool house renovations, Splash Pad, “two to five” playground equipment, two park shelters and fully rehabilitated Sports Courts, this park is truly a gem in our Village. Whether you, your children, grandchildren or families are using, or if you just attend a summer concert, it is a facility we can all be proud to have.

At the end of May, our contract with Waste Management is expiring. Working with our attorney, we developed an RFP or Request for Proposal for both

sanitation and recycling pickup and disposal. The cost of service is a large portion of our annual operating budget and increases occur every year, based on the contract and CPI (Consumer Price Index). Waste Management has recently mailed the 2025 calendars to each property which outlines the schedule of recycling and bulk pickup, and the rules for both trash and recycling. If you have any questions or need an extra copy of the calendar, please stop by the Village Hall.

The Sloan Arts Council has scheduled the 2025 Summer Concert Series with the dates and performers listed on page four of this publication. Hope to see you there or at our Annual Easter Event on Saturday, April 19th.

Thomas Ferrucci



FROM PAULA BRUSCANI, DEPUTY MAYOR

When Mayor Ferrucci asked me to be a part of the Board of Trustees in 2018, I had no idea what to expect. I certainly did not think that I would receive such positive support from the community, and I never imagined that a temporary role would turn into two terms. I am so appreciative of the confidence you’ve placed in me over the years, and it’s been an honor to

represent such a tight-knit community. I’d like to thank Mayor Ferrucci, the ladies at Village Hall and all my fellow trustees, past and present, who have guided and challenged me along the way. I’d also like to express my gratitude towards the group of volunteers who participate in the many community events that really make this village a home. My time serving as a Trustee has

come to an end, but I’ve made so many friends, and I look forward to seeing all of you around the village.

Paula Bruscani

Village General Election

March 18, 2025

12:00 to 9:00pm

Sloan Fire Hall, 55 Gates St.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A VILLAGE OF SLOAN GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON THE 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12:00PM AND 9:00PM, AND FURTHER THAT VOTING SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE SLOAN FIRE HALL, 55 GATES STREET, SLOAN, NEW YORK 14212.

THE FOLLOWING ARE TO BE ELECTED: (1) MAYOR AND (2) TRUSTEES, EACH TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM.

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOAN: THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT LIST OF ALL NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE FOR THE VILLAGE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF SLOAN, NEW YORK, MARCH 18, 2025 FILED WITH THE UNDERSIGNED VILLAGE CLERK PURSUANT TO THE ELECTION LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND AMENDMENTS HERETO:

PEOPLE’S CHOICE PARTY

(1) MAYOR, FOUR- YEAR TERM

THOMAS FERRUCCI

(2) TRUSTEES, FOUR-YEAR TERM

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BY: DEBRA M. SMITH, VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE OF SLOAN

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK

Dyngus Day Celebration

Hosted by the Frank L. Gierlach Post Ladies Auxiliary on Monday, April 21st at the Sloan Fire Hall, 55 Gates Street.

Doors open at 11:00am and the festivities will go until 5:00pm. Live music from 12:00 until 4:00pm, cover charge of \$10.00/person. Cash bar and food will be available for purchase. Dyngus Day is a Polish tradition that celebrates the end of Lent, the joy of Easter and the beginning of Spring.

You don’t have to be Polish to celebrate this Holiday!!



Craft Show hosted by the Frank L. Gierlach Post is scheduled for Saturday, April 5th from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Basket raffle will take place, food and drinks are available for purchase: BBQ hamburgers, home-made sausage and a variety of baked goods to satisfy your sweet tooth. For table availability or more information, please call Bob at (814)392-4531.

RecruitNY is a state-wide Volunteer Firefighting annual membership initiative. On April 26th, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, the Sloan Fire Department will be hosting an Open House and Recruitment Drive. They welcome all residents to stop by and see what they do. You will be able to get up close with equipment such as the Jaws of Life, the new Electric Vehicle Extinguishers and many other cool items. You can meet current

members to discuss the many benefits of joining their team and helping your community.

Besides protecting the residents of our Village, they conduct free CPR training courses, taught by their own members. Follow their Facebook page for more info.

In May, the Annual Fund Drive donation envelopes will be mailed. All donations are tax deductible and support our Fire Department.

FROM VINCE FERRARACCIO, CODE OFFICER

Every January, I submit to the Village Board my annual report of activities. In 2024, my office issued 173 Building Permits, conducted 80 Storm Drainage Inspections and 24 Certificates of Occupancy were approved. Additionally, we submitted 24 Housing Court cases to the Town of Cheektowaga for prosecution.

The Village of Sloan is mandated to administer and enforce the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code of New York. Building permits are required for any work that must meet NYS or Village Code. The list is quite extensive and includes items such as fences, roofs, interior/exterior sewer repairs, electrical services, sheds, garages, equipment installation, concrete work and more.

As spring is around the corner with summer soon to follow, ALL swimming pools that are capable of holding more than 24” of water must meet NYS Code and require a Building Permit. Check with Village

Hall on the depth, distance from lot line and structures, electrical and barrier requirements, and more before any pool purchase. We will guide you on the size and placement permissible on your property, based on your survey.

The Village is required by the DEC to examine every property being sold for improper cross connections between storm and sanitary systems. This is called a “Storm Drainage Inspection” which must be applied for prior to sale. I ensure that all gutters, downspouts and sump pump discharge are not connected into the sanitary; and that all connections from your bathroom, kitchen and laundry facilities are not connected to any storm drain outlet. Cross connections permit untreated water into our rivers and Lake Erie, and contribute to the high cost of sewer treatment. An inspection may result in property owners being responsible for repairs of these connections, or the permanent capping of

rain leaders and basement floor drains.

Certificates of Occupancy are required for any newly constructed buildings, and reissues for any properties that have been vacant in excess of one year. NYS Code also requires triennial inspections for all multiple dwellings- which are those residences that contain three or more units/apartments. My office must also inspect annually every property that contains public assembly space that can hold fifty or more persons, such as restaurants and churches.

All permits, inspections and certificates that are part of the Code Enforcement Officers’ responsibilities are designed to keep our resident’s health and safety in mind. Properties that have Code violations are detrimental to our neighborhoods and can negatively affect property values. Strict enforcement is crucial for maintaining our community. If you receive a letter of violation from my office, please contact me to discuss a plan and timeline for remediation.

VILLAGE EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Easter Event– Saturday, April 19, 2025, 12:00pm at the Sloan Fire Hall, 55 Gates Street. Magician, refreshments and chocolate raffle for all children under the age of 14. Must be a Village resident and show current, valid ID.

Upcoming Board Meetings, 425 Reiman Street:

- April 8, 2025 7:00pm
- May 13, 2025 7:00pm
- June 10, 2025 7:00pm

Trustee Sue Tofthagen hosts a coffee hour for our residents on the first Sunday of each month at the Sloan Community Center, 140 Halstead Avenue from 11:00am to 1:00pm. She invites all residents to stop in and chat about your Village, services we may provide, questions and concerns in the neighborhood or just to introduce yourself. Upcoming dates are April 6th, May 3rd and June 8th.

Trash, Green Week/B Recycling and Two-Item Bulk pickup will be delayed until Friday, May 30th due to the Memorial Day holiday. Village Hall and Highway will be closed on Monday, May 26th.

THE SLOAN ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK

WE KICK OFF OUR 23RD YEAR OF SPONSORING LOCAL BANDS AND ENTERTAINING OUR RESIDENTS, NEIGHBORS AND FAMILIES IN GRIFFITH PARK. WE HAVE OUR RETURNING FAVORITES, AND A NEW BAND OR TWO, TO PERFORM EVERY OTHER THURSDAY EVENING BEGINNING JUNE 26TH. THE FIRST FOUR CONCERTS WILL BE FROM 7:00 TO 9:00PM, WITH THE LAST EVENT BEGINNING A LITTLE EARLIER AT 6:00PM, DUE TO THE SHORTENED DAYLIGHT IN AUGUST. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE FOR SALE AND SPLIT CLUB TICKETS AVAILABLE. GRAB YOUR CHAIRS, BLANKETS AND INVITE SOME FRIENDS!

JUNE 26TH- CRASH CADILLAC JULY 10TH- PARTY HOUNDS
JULY 24TH- BOOMR AUGUST 7TH- ROUTE 33
AUGUST 21ST (6:00PM)- TWO OF US

QUESTIONS ABOUT BULK TRASH? Bulk items are trash that is too big to fit inside of your tote. Mattresses, boxsprings and toilets must be wrapped in plastic or bagged to protect the workers. Carpet and padding must be ROLLED and TAPED SECURELY in lengths of 4' or less and no wider than 18". Four rolls is considered one bulk item. No construction material, tires, hazardous waste or electronics can be accepted. Each address is allowed two bulk items monthly. Our next bulk days are March 27, May 1 and Friday May 30, 2025, due to the Memorial Day holiday. If you have excessive bulk items or trash, a "Bagster" may be the answer. They can be purchased at local retailers (Home Depot/Lowes) for \$30.00. Once filled, call WM for a pickup. You can visit TheBagster.com to learn about the size, capacity, allowable refuse and tonnage charge for disposal.

St. Andrew's Events Calendar

March 12th & April 2nd- 6:00pm "Soup Supper" in the Parish Hall- Contact Church for soup choices and further information

April 17th- 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass

April 18th- 3:00 pm Liturgical

April 18th- 7:30 pm Tenebrae Service, Songs and Readings

April 19th- TBD Blessing of Baskets

April 19th- 8:00pm Vigil Mass

April 20th- TBD Easter Mass

April 27th- 3:00 pm Cheektowaga Symphony

BINGO 7:30pm Every Tuesday & Saturday

NOTE: For additional information or questions, please contact St. Andrew's Church during their business hours at (716) 892-0425.

St. Andrew's Consignment Shop

For the month of March, the shop is running a special price of \$2.00 on all articles of clothing. The shop is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Donations can also be made by calling (716)892-0425 for drop-off times. Donating gently used clothing, household items and furniture extends the life of our resources and prevents them going into a landfill. By extending the lifespan of used items, you can lessen the demand for new products and associated environmental impacts.

VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Another option to clear out your attic, basement and garage is to participate in this widely anticipated event scheduled for August 23rd from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Register through Village Hall at (716)897-1560 by August 20th. Address lists will be available on the 21st and 22nd. Last year we had over SIXTY participants!