



# Washington Park Association

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## NEWSLETTER

February 2012

### **Volunteer Recognition Brunch for Everyone – Chef Don Russell of the Irish Mist**

Annual honoring of those who contribute to our neighborhood – everyone is invited. **Sun, Feb. 12 @ 10 am – noon @ 206 Third St.** The usual – omelets by guest chef Don Russell of the Irish Mist. Bagels, juice, coffee, etc. Thanks to Cherie Clark for being the hostess!

### **Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> Flavour Fire**

Fire struck Little Italy's Flavour Café on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January. The upper floor was extensively damaged; the first suffered smoke & water damage. Owners Charlie & Joe are already gearing up for a grand reopening as soon as possible. Thanks to neighbors who were on the scene to offer help. Special recognition to Think 1<sup>st</sup>'s Trevor Lloyd who volunteered for whatever work Charlie & Joe needed to get up and running again. We need more conscientious teens like Trevor.

### **Milestones**

Another year for the Park's Lori Hackathorn, Laura Ferris, Jude Valentine Goldin & Jackie Baldwin; Think 1<sup>st</sup>'s Anthony Garner, James Heatley, Charle-Pan Dawson, Lucy Lerner; Historic Sage's Lila Dupuy, Michael Halloran & 5<sup>th</sup> & Grand's Greg Cholakis; Downtown's Liam Groff. Happy anniversary to River St's Robert & Gladys Hirsch! We missed Tracy Kennedy, Kathe Anzola & Craig Kneeland in January b-days!

### **Keep Kids Off the Streets**

If you agree that downtown Troy needs a playground, please sign a petition at

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/downtown-troy-needs-a-playground/> The petition is also available at the Library, 100 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Market Block Books & Artcentric.

### **New Homeowners**

Ivan and Vesna moved from Washington Park where they rented an apartment for 3 years. The couple purchased Deb Segel's home on First Street. Deb moved south to Historic Sage last year. The new home suits them well with its location & accommodates their antique furniture. They love the carriage house! Ivan & Vesna still keep their beloved secluded country home in Syracuse area for summer and winter breaks. Prior to coming to Troy, they lived in Hong Kong and have done plenty of worldwide traveling. Ivan teaches at RPI while Vesna is a pharmacist back home in Europe.

### **Neighborhood Watch/LI**

Wed, Feb. 15 at 6; 7 4<sup>th</sup> & Washington

### **Osgood**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month 6-7, TAUM, 392 2<sup>nd</sup> St

### **Those Who Can, Do**

#### **Those Who Can't, Teach at the Arts Center**

Osgood's Sid Fleisher is proving that those who can, teach as well as do. Sid is teaching a woodworking class at the Arts Center on Thurs evenings for 10 weeks from the end of Jan – March.

The Park's Kevin Craig West is also teaching at the Arts Center – Acting & Filmmaking Intensive Workshop {Sat/Sun, 5/12 (9-5) & 13 (12-4)}; Final Cut Pro X Hands On Intensive {Sat, 5/5 (9-5)}.

Think 1<sup>st</sup>'s Ben Karis-Nix of Design It Together is also teaching at the Arts Center – Introduction to Photoshop; Photoshop: A Crash Course; Principles of Graphic Design; Introduction to Illustrator..

Think 1<sup>st</sup>'s Mary Wheeler is teaching Jewelry II.

Osgood's Armando Soto is teaching Abstract Painting.

Call 273-0552 to register & get class times/schedules.

### **Pottery District Annexes Historic Sage**

In a daring raid on unsuspecting Historic Sage residents, Pottery District insurgents claimed control over the mild mannered Second Street folks. There was no blood shed. The *Times Union* first reported the take-over in an article praising the resurgence of Troy. Historic Sage residents are expected to reclaim their neighborhood in a bloodless coup.

### **Positive Press/Media Stars**

The Park's *Carol Roberts* & Historic Sage's *Nina Pattison* & *Rosey* the Reading Dog were pictured in the *Record* promoting reading with kids at the Troy Public Library, 100 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

The Park's *Susan Taylor* answered 5 Questions in the *Record* about her lifelong interest in reading. Let Susan help you select books at Market Block Books.

The Park's *Ellen Sinopoli* Dance Co received a ton of great press in January as the company hits 21 years.

Pottery's *John Pattison* wrote a terrific Troy's Treasures column about the transformation of 261 Liberty St by Judy Meyer. Buy it before it's gone.

Little Italy's *Vic Christopher* was quoted in *Rensselaer* about the graduate housing on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave – City Station.

### **Goods, Services, Help**

#### **Troy Samba**

Fri, Feb 24 from 6-8. Regular workshop/rehearsal followed by a Carnival Celebration Performance with members from the Berkshire Bateria. Join us for joyous music making & a Brazilian Potluck! Suggested donation \$8-10. All instruments provided. Family-friendly! United Methodist Church (upstairs), 35 State St. Call Elizabeth Woodbury Kasius for info 326-1769.



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### Art! Offerings, 200 1<sup>st</sup> St

*A-Z of Jewelry Making.* Sun, 2/19-3/25 from 12-2:30

Learn in this 6 week class how jewelry is made. Design, sawing, use of tools, soldering, piercing, bending, textures.

Everything! Includes 1 day/

evening open studio time to work on your own in the studio. Materials include some brass, nickel, copper sheet & wire; all tools & solder. Silver cost is rising so much that will have to be each student's decision & purchase. \$300 for all; class limited to 4.

*Make Earrings for Valentine's Day.* Sun. 2/5 from 12-3 or Sun, 2/12. This class is a must have. Make several pairs of earring to wear out of class. Bring in any beads or stones you want to use. Mary pro-vides some silver, brass, nickel & copper. Bring a friend, make gifts. Give as a Valen-tine gift. Sign up for both classes, price is \$125; \$100 each class. Winter hours for Art! 10:30-5 Wed & Thurs; 11:30-7 Fri; 11:30-9 Troy Night Out; 10:30-3 Sat & Sun. Closed Mon & Tues. Starting in February, Art! takes Mastercard & Visa! Call 326-3946 to sign up.

### Transition Troy

Be a part of the solution, transitioning from oil depen-dence to community resilience

Sun, Feb 5 at 4:00, Christ Church, 35 State St

5:30 Potluck

### Art!, 200 First St

Holiday Boutique is open till March 1. All new artists, all lower prices. See [www.artgalleryllc.com](http://www.artgalleryllc.com) & blog <http://artgallerytroy.wordpress.com> & twitter account ArtGalleryTroy. For news/info on EVERYTHING at Art!

### Illium Café Bistro, 9 Broadway

The Illium Cafe expands their space and menu to include wine, beer, and dinner!

### Keep Kids Off the Streets! Arts Center February Break Camps – Feb. 20-24

Camps for kids & teens. Need-based scholar-ships available. Camps run from 9-4;extended care hours available.

[Art Around the World](#) (6-11)

Experience the magic & meaning of the art of different countries. Learn about the art of Russia, craft Egyptian mummies & African masks; make Chinese fans & dragons; master traditional Asian origami; & more!

[Exploring Comics and Graphic Novels](#) (12-16) Looking for inspiration? Let illustrator Ira Marcks challenge you to explore new ideas & methods of creativity. Participate in this camp, composed of writing workshops, cartooning class, and storytelling experiments. Students use the Digital Arts Studio to create digital versions of their finished comics.

Register at 273-0552 x231.

### Troy Shares – Thinking Outside the Bucks

Need childcare? Meals? Rides? House painted? Car fixed? Heavy items moved?

Want to help those around you? Share time & talents with neighbors thru a system called timebanking! Spend an hour doing something for another Troy Shares member & a "Troy Shares Hour" is deposited into your time bank account. In return, spend your hours when Troy Shares members do things for you. It is a community economic system that uses "Hours" instead of "Dollars", values all types of work, based on the premise that everyone has something to give. Join us! Be a part of building community, getting your needs met, meeting neighbors' needs, sharing gifts, & receiving the gifts of others. Tues, 2/21 (or Thurs, 2/23 - contact Emily at 590-6061 to check!) 6-7:30, TAUM (392 2nd St)

[www.troyshares.org](http://www.troyshares.org) and [troyshares@gmail.com](mailto:troyshares@gmail.com)

### New Downtown Businesses

#### Kokopellis, 124 4th Street

Downtown Troy's newest sports bar, night club, & VIP lounge all rolled into one.

This spot is guaranteed to bring joy utilizing each of its 3 floors to suit different tastes. Introduce yourself to owner DJ Joey G. Bring this ad in & buy 1 drink, get 1 free thru 2/25 (some restrictions apply).

### Free Tax Prep for the 99% (Income below \$50,000)

Italian CC, 1450 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

Call 270-4689 for app't. Site is handicapped accessible, plenty of parking.

### Homebuyer Orientation

This is the place to start if you want to buy a home. Learn about the advantages/

disadvantages of homeowner-ship, a snapshot of qualifying for a mortgage, & costs in the home-buying process. You'll learn about the steps involved in TRIP's [Pre-Purchase Pro-gram](#) & applying for [First Time Homebuyer Grants](#). Free. Mon, 2/13, 6 pm; Mon, 3/12, 6 pm. All held at TRIP's Home Ownership Center, 415 River St. Register [www.triponline.org](http://www.triponline.org) or call 690-0020 x221

### Homebuyer Education

This 8-hour class (held in 2 sessions) provides info about the home buying process, what to look for in buying a home, mortgage products, roles of different professionals & more. TRIP's HomeOwnership Ctr, 415 River St, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor - Tues, 2/28 (Part 1) 5:30- 9:30 ; Thurs, 3/1 (Part 2) 5:30- 9:30

Info/register at 690-0020.



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This 2 session workshop helps you manage money. Topics include: Creating Effective Spending Plans, Building your Savings, Credit Building & Repair, & Financial Goals. Free. Thurs, 2/2 (Part 1) 5:30; Thurs, 2/9 (Part 2) 5:30. Info/register at TRIPat 690-0020

### Apartments, Etc.

**For Sale - Historic Sage -132 Second St** - Single family home- Brick Greek Revival townhouse with wonderful detail, screened porch facing landscaped yard, off alley parking. Some up-grading done but completion of rehab needed. Financing option for owner/occupier available. Contact Judy Meyer at Higbee Realty 518-821-7284.

### For Rent

**Park - 170 2nd St.** 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 1 BR in owner occupied well kept, quiet, secure bldg. Hardwood floors, good light. \$675 includes H/HW; tenant pays electric. No pets, no smoking. References, sec. Call Dan at 272-1755.

**Downtown - 41 1<sup>st</sup> St.** 2nd floor furnished 2 BR apt/loft in excellent condition in the heart of downtown in safe area. Owner-occupied bldg. Non-smoking, no pets. \$725, heat included. References. Contact Vesna at 315-877-5135.

**Downtown - 41 1<sup>st</sup> St.** Garden level, 1BR (optional 2 BR) apt or office/studio space in the heart of downtown in safe area. Owner-occupied bldg. Non-smoking, no dogs or cats. \$425. References. Contact Vesna at 315-877-5135.

**Osgood - 111 Madison St** - 1 block south of the Poestenkill Canal. Interesting renovation of an 1890's industrial row house to a 21<sup>st</sup> century energy efficient living space. All new plumbing, electrical, 95% efficient boiler for baseboard heat/domestic HW. Well insulated walls & new windows provide a fine barrier to drafts & support low energy costs. W/D, DW. 2 beautifully restored stone mantels, new maple floors, excellent day lighting. Large BR w/walk-in closet. Yard & small garden space available. Pets must be interviewed, no smoking in or around the building, \$850 + utilities. Call Sid at 272-1944

**Osgood - 335 First St** - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 2BR with LR, DR, large kitchen newly redone. Hard-wood floors. Great neighborhood. Bath w/shower. \$695 + utilities. Non smoking building. No pets. Call Primerty LLC at 877-787-5077.

**166 Third St.** - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in owner occupied bldg. 1,100 sf w/LR, DR, kit, FB, enc. porch, BR + 2 add'l rooms. W/D hook up in base; new heater & insulation. \$625 + util. Approx \$25 for credit check refundable w/1<sup>st</sup> month rent. Call Lynn at 258-5589

**Marina District - 2258 Sixth Ave** - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 3 BR, owner occupied bldg. Home office, den, W/D, 2 off street parking spaces. \$825 + utilities. Call Jeannie or Dick at 272-7073 or 698-7692.

**See the website for more listings!**

### Donations

Thanks to Suzanne Benson for postage; Glenn & Edna Mae Fisher; the Chupkas; Estate of Peter Shaver (from his sister Chris Kelly); Ray & Theresa Martin; Sandra Daigler & Don Windelspecht.

### Park Brunch for All

Sun, Feb. 12 from 10 am – noon at 206 Third Street. Free.

### POUNCE Update

Friendly, healthy cats need both foster & permanent homes. 3 cats graduated from POUNCE – Thanks to Deb Henderson for a great placement last month.

### Website Update

Please check out the website – [www.wpa-troy.org](http://www.wpa-troy.org) – to be sure your postings are up to date.

**Do good deeds! Pick up litter! Join the snowblowing teams! Be a newsletter carriers!**

### EVENTS

#### TNO – February 24

All our local merchants are participating.

#### Dance in Unexpected Places! Feb 24, 6-8

4-part, highly visible introduction to modern dance by Ellen Sinopoli Dance Co (ESDC) @ Arts Ctr of the Capital Region.

**Dance in Unexpected Places!** engages kids & families in modern dance by offering performances that are surprising, whimsical, unconventional, & accessible. During each of the four **Unexpected** evenings, six ESDC dancers engage in three 20 min performances: moving thru the Arts Ctr lobby, in & around the audience, using furniture, main stairway, front desk, and other “unexpected” spaces, while dancing to ambient sound. At the end of each performance, the dancers will engage the audience in conversation about the performance: what it is like to be a professional artist, how the dances were choreographed, how were the dances rehearsed, and so on. Series culminates in an ESDC concert on May 12 at The Arts Ctr's Bruno Theater, featuring a new premiere.

#### Artcentric Event

Come to Artcentric Gallery, 266 River St. on Sat, 2/18 from 11-2 to meet the artists & craftspeople who make Artcentric the unique local shopping location in Down-town Troy. Enjoy hot cider & lite fare. Keep track of sales & events at Artcentric (like it on Facebook). Call Debra at 272-4278 with any questions



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### **Tuesday @ Noon Free Concert Series, St. Paul's**

2/21 Jean Leonard, soprano & Judy Avitabile, piano – classical & Broadway

### **Troy Music Hall**

Info/Tkts @ 273-0038

2/4 @ 8. Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole

2/10 @ 8. Pickin' & Bluegrass All Star Jam

2/12 @ 4. Albany Pro Musica

2/14 @ noon. Michael Century

2/15 @ 7:30. Troy Chromatics

2/18 @ 7:30. Albany Symphony

2/19 @ 3. String Fever

2/25 @ 8. Ethel w/Robert Mirabel

### **Sage Theatre Institute**

#### **Much Ado About Nothing**

Shakespeare's comedy features one of the most popular romantic duos of all time-- Beatrice & Benedick.

10am: 2/10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 28, 29; 3/1, 2

2pm: 2/12, 19

8pm: 2/11, 17, 18

Tkts: \$10 Adults/\$8 Sage, Students & Srs. For tkt orders/ reservations, call 244-2248 or [ryanm4@sage.edu](mailto:ryanm4@sage.edu).

### **Historical Society, 57 2<sup>nd</sup> St**

There's always something old there. Check it out!

#### **Mornings at the Museum**

Wed, 2/15 at 10am. \$5 per child. Reserve at 272-7232 x12. Bring your pre-schooler for introduction to the museum through storytime, exploring an item from the collection & participating in a hands-on activity. February's theme is Valentine's - making heart-shaped bird feeders.

#### **If These Walls Could Talk - School-break Week Program**

Tues, 2/21-Fri, 2/24 from 9-4

Buildings are all around us but how many times have you really looked at a building? This program explores the many sides of buildings. Take scavenger hunts in downtown Troy looking for lions, bells & faces. Design your own dream home. Build a model city & more! Grades 3 - 6. \$225 members/ \$275 Non-Members. Before & after care available. Reservations at 272-7232 x.12

#### **Hidden History - EMPAC**

Tues, 2/28 at 4:30pm. \$12 Members/\$15 Non-members

EMPAC is a 220,000-square foot building containing a wide and flexible range of major performing arts venues.

Positioned on a bluff over-looking the Hudson River, the center makes a bold state-ment to Troy's skyline. Reserve at 272-7232 x.12

### **Happy Birthday**

Looking for a new venue for your next birthday party? Think of RCHS. You'll get:

- private party room,
- party host,
- kid-friendly tour of Hart-Cluett House,
- craft activity and more.

\$175 for a party for 10 kids. Members get 10% off.

### **Fulton Street Gallery**

Opening of Melinda McDaniel's *Spare Parts*

### **EMPAC**

Visit <http://www.empac.rpi.edu> for complete details.

**Tethered :Vertical Performance.** Feb 4 at 7

### **Arts Center Reading**

On Feb 18 at 7:30 pm at the Arts Center (265 River St), Village Stage & Starzyk Play Productions presents a free staged reading of "Seasons Change." Original work by Joe Starzyk looks at the lives of 4 couples over 60. It examines how both men & women deal with love, loss, sex, aging, loneliness and life. It will make you laugh, cry and think. What more could you want? Oh yeah it's FREE. Seating is limited; call 729-6128 for reservations. The first 100 will be assured of seats.

### **Arts Center Gallery**

Historic Sage's Ray Felix's works are part of the Allscapes exhibits til April 1.

### **St. Valentine's Speakeasy w/ Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys**

Sat, 2/11 at 7; Arts Center

### **Open Studio Monthly Figure Drawing – Arts Center**

Sat. 2/25 from 1:30-4:30. \$18-20.

Call 273-0552 x231 to register



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### **Troy Farmers Market**

9 – 1 on Saturdays at the Uncle Sam Atrium on both the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floors. Winter market runs each Saturday thru April.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **Volunteer Recognition Brunch for All**

Sun, Feb. 12 from 10 am – noon at 206 Third Street. Free. Chef Don Russell makes omelets. Other goodies! All welcome!

#### **Underground Railroad Turned on Its Head: Old Themes, New Directions, & Its Relationship with Us Today**

11th Annual Underground Railroad Public History Conference, Sage College, April 13, 14, & 15. Speakers, vendors, poster displays, cultural performance, art exhibit, & tour of Rensselaer County's historic Underground Railroad sites are part of this enriching, engaging weekend. Lecture, song, dance, & inter-active workshops. Spectres of Liberty - the Ghost of Liberty Church- is a highlight.

Visit [www.ugrworkshop.com](http://www.ugrworkshop.com) or call 432-4432 for details. A great weekend!

#### **Around the World for 80 Strays Gala – April 21**

Benefits the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. Hilton Garden Inn, Hoosick St  
Info at 434-8128 X 206. POUNCE works closely with the Shelter for services.

#### **Bella Vita Fresco & Mural Art Project – A Community Art Adventure to Honor Little Italy**

Call for artists (entries). Andrea Daley is in charge so it will be a success!! For details, [www.diyrestoreit.com/BellaVita](http://www.diyrestoreit.com/BellaVita)

#### **Patti Melita Performances During February:**

Sunday, February 12, The Gals Who Play Jazz will be at Brown's Brewing Co.

Saturday, February 18, Patti-O & The Hip Hooligans will be at The Dance Flurry Festival in Saratoga - see website for particulars

Sunday, February 26, The Gals WPJ will be at Brown's once again