



Washington Park Association

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NEWSLETTER

May 2012

Annual Hidden Garden Tour

Thursday, May 24, 4-7 pm

Gardens needed! Volunteers needed! For info, call Nina at 274-5933.

Welcome

Steve & Noreen McKee are settling in their new home in Historic Sage. The couple recently chose Troy as their home, abandoning Brooklyn for our more leisurely pace.

Cynthia Magro is now a resident of Downtown. She recently purchased a grand home on Fifth Avenue & also left NYC for Troy's great housing stock.

Speaking of Births....

Osgood's Jamie & Russell Crouse welcomed new daughter Scarlet Sylvan on April 6. Scarlet weighed 7 lbs, 9 oz. and was born at home on a full moon. Everyone is adjusting extremely well. Mom & Dad are overjoyed & overtired!

Milestones

Happy birthday to Lauren Pinsley, Peter Grimm, Angie Wright, Jim Martin, Ellen Sinopoli, Trevor Lanier, Mary Muller, John Pattison, Daphne Hobbs, Gene Waugh.

Happy Anniversary

Washington Park's Tom & Ellen Sinopoli celebrate another year of togetherness.

Earth Day Thanks

Great job by our neighborhood groups in cleaning up the problem pockets. Keep our neighborhood clean all year!

Tours in May and June

HVCC Center for Creative Retirement 2nd Annual Tour of Washington Park – May 26. Tour will include off-Park properties on Liberty.

Sage Alumni Tour – June 2 at 3:15. Need houses for both groups. Attendance is usually high. Call Lynn at 274-6434.

Peep, Peep

The Easter Peeps have arrived in Osgood. A new bunch (litter, gaggle???) of chicks is now calling Osgood home. A new coop is waiting for the little peeps to grow some feathers before moving from their indoor pen to the great outdoors. Eggs to follow!

Woof, Woof

Your dog's barking may be music to your ears, but it isn't to your neighbors. Please remember that neighbors are using their yards & that windows are open.

School Board Elections and Budget Vote – May 15

Our future depends on the brains of our kids. Support our local schools.

Neighborhood Watch/LI

Wed, May 16 at 6/7 pm

233 Fourth Street

Osgood

2nd Tuesday of every month.

6-7, TAUM, 392 Second

Cruelty to Animals

Please report all incidents of animal cruelty to community police officer Kevin Sessions at 270-4789. Please report all incidents involving aggressive dogs. Please keep dogs on leashes when walking or in public.

Positive Press/Media Darlings

Street Talk tells us that the Park's Fran Grillo will not go on a cruise. She doesn't like being on water with no escape.

Historic Sage's Sharon Bates was a guest on the Impact Show with Alan Miller. She discussed the arts scene in general & her work in particular.



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Donations

Thanks to Suzanne Benson for postage; Alane Hohenberg; Deb Henderson for support. Our activities depend on your support.

POUNCE Update

POUNCE took a break while Operation Snip was in action throughout the city in April. Over 100 feral Troy cats were spayed/neutered thanks to the efforts of Lynn Kopka, Sid Fleisher, Simon Burke Lipisky, Alan McClintock & others.

Website Update

Please check out the website – www.wpa-troy.org – to be sure your postings are up to date.

Apartments, Etc.

For Sale in Our Hood

There are several, rare single family homes for sale. It is not often that manage-able size properties come on the market. Get one of these! Others are on the [website](#).

132 Second @ \$109,000 – Early Greek Revival home. Lovely detail - high ceilings, original trim, faux painted doors, wood floors, 2 black marble mantels. Screened rear porch, landscaped garden, off alley parking. 2 rooms in raised basement were original kitchen & dining. Some upgrading done but extensive work remains for renovation savvy buyer. Call Barbara Jones Higbee at 339-0274.

261 Liberty St @ \$198,000 –

Restored townhouse within walking distance of downtown. Complete renovation re-specting historic preservation & energy efficiency. New EIK, new energy star appliances, W/D, new baths, 3 comfortable sized BR w/good closets, new electrical. plumbing, heating & wonderful light of floor length windows & corner location. Call Barbara Jones Higbee at 339-0274.

203 Second - \$309,900 Washington Park, impeccably restored & maintained 2,400 single family home. Fully renovated w/great love & care. Wide board floors, 2 wonderful decorative fireplaces, detailed moldings. School tax has no STAR exemption. Beautiful backyard with large deck. A RARE FIND! Call Schlinder Realty at 279-1900.

For Sale on the East Side

411 Spring Ave

Stanton Lee designed 1927 Cape with historic charm near Emma Willard. Original details include built-in bookshelves, Dutch door, fireplace, wainscot, shutters, wrought iron hardware, hardwood floors & more. Lovingly cared for by its architect-owner with updates that include new insulated windows, exterior wall insulation, new furnace & oil tank, new bath. 1500 sf home has 3 BR, 2 baths, office, DR, LR, country kitchen with pantry. Screened porch, brick patio, flower garden & backyard with treehouse/slide. Dry basement & attic for plenty of storage. Newer roof. Off-street parking; friendly neighbors. Appliances included. \$175,000. For sale by owner. Call Susan at 518-334-3248.

2 Locust Ave

Victorian house; 1,900 sq ft. 4 BR, 1 & ½ baths, 2 car garage. Double parlors, formal DR. Wrap-around front porch. Fenced back yard. Laundry room. Mudroom; full basement. Gourmet kitchen; hardwood floors. Gas hot air heat. Troy school district. \$224,900. Call Jody Dalton at 573-1093.

Apartments for Rent

Little Italy - 1041 5th Ave 2nd floor, 2br + office, 1200sqf. Washer/dryer in apt. New covered deck. Victorian details w/modern heat and windows. Owner occupied. \$775 + utilities. References. Call Will at 961-0503

Park – 228 Third - 3rd floor w/3 BR or 2 BR w/home office, 1 full bath. Gorgeous hard-wood floors, LR, DR, eat-in kitchen, washer/dryer, wonderful porch overlooking a shared garden. Quiet, professional building. Located close to retail shops, farmer's market, art galleries, coffee-shops & restaurants, RPI & Sage! Great for couple. \$1,200 includes heat/water. Approx. 1200 sq. ft. of living space on one of the best blocks in downtown Troy! 1 month sec dep due at time of lease signing. References are required. Call Bruce at 268-3194.



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Historic Sage – 148 Second St – 1st floor available July 5 in owner occupied bldg. Apartment is an original Eastlake interior from floors to ceilings. Double parlours, kitchen, 1 BR, bath, internet signal, carriage house parking, laundry privileges. For detailed look, see <http://www.livejournal.com/users/harrietwarnock>. \$975 includes heat. 1 year lease, security deposit required. For info or to see, call Harriet at 419 3047854

Historic Sage – 149 2nd St

Completely redone apts on 2nd & 3rd floors of owner occupied home. Call Joyce & John at 588-5176.

176 Third St – 1st floor of Kagan Arts Ctr. 2 BR live/work. Central air; off street parking. \$875 + utilities. Call Larry at 272-5031.

Osgood – 353 Third St - 3 BR (Victorian Troy sized), 1100 sq ft. full floor apt. Newly installed gas fireplace. Tons of TLC including bath & kitchen renovations. W/D, chandeliers, all hardwood floors. Big back yard being redone. On stable, family-friendly Osgood block. Window Therms for winter. \$975 + utilities. Security dep & 1st month due at signing. Available June 1. Contact Don at don@donnaylor.com.

Goods, Services, Help

Rensselaer County Rabies Clinic

May 8, Brunswick Comm Ctr. 18 Keyes Lane, Brunswick from 5-7. Bring pet's most recent immunization certificate. All pets must be secured in carrier or on a leash. 1st hour of clinic is cats & ferrets; 2nd hour is dogs. Call 270-2655 for info.

Laney Bee's Opens Downtown at 1624 Fifth

Locally owned Laney Bee's is now open for salads, wraps panini, smoothies from 8 to 4.

1760 Manor Inn & Pub to Open in Lansingburgh

Another dining establishment will open in Troy, a bit north of our neighborhoods. The new owner of 499 Second Avenue has reached out to ask us to venture off our blocks & head up to Lansingburgh for a great meal.

Shanti Yoga Turns 1

[Shanti Yoga Studio](#) celebrates its first year at 135 2nd Street. Call Suzanne Nicklas at 788-4988.

African Dance Class

Every Thursday from 4:30-6 pm at 27 State St (between 3rd & 4th)

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

Upstate Photography, 353 Broadway, is owned by the Park's Brenda Rose & Paul Grupp. They are available to capture all your memories.

Talking Walls Design

Interior, exterior, decorative & faux painting. Handmade tiles as well. Contact Historic Sage's Angela Kanaan @ kanaanangela@yahoo.com or 518-892-3765.

Morning Star Children's Center: Free Kindermusik Class

Sat, May 19 from 10-11am for newborns - 7 yrs old

Tell a friend & bring the whole family for an hour of music, movement and storytelling.

159 2nd St, (518)764-2208

www.morningstarchildrencenter.org

Summer Fun at Morning Star Children's Center

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Realistic Drawing: July 2 – 6; 9:30 – noon; Ages 5-9. Want to learn to draw pictures of your family, animals & land-scapes that capture how they look in real life? We'll follow Mona Brookes, *Drawing with Children*, & the Betty Edwards classic, *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*.

Students will learn the perceptual skill necessary to accurately draw what they see.

Writer's Workshop; July 9 -13; 9:30 – noon; Ages 5 – 9.

Do you love story books?! Let's make one! We'll gather inspiration throughout the week by reading tons of story books, & talking about what makes each one great. Using Lucy Caulkin's writing workshop methods we will craft a story, create beautiful illustrations & publish our own book!



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Kindermusik Pre-School Adventures Camp - "On the Road" Tap into your pre-schooler's creative spirit, boundless energy, & growing independence thru art, music, storytelling, & a healthy dose of "let's pretend". In just 5 lessons, we'll give your child a summer's worth of music, stories, & activities created to inspire a lifetime of learning. Enrollment includes a set of at home materials that include a literature book, CD of music from class, & other special materials

Kindermusik Toddler & Family Class - "Creatures of the Ocean" Encourage your toddler's creativity, self-confidence, & self-control in a secure environment where they, their siblings -& you- can sing, move, play instruments, & explore the world. Enrollment includes a set of at home materials that includes a book, CD of music from class, & other special materials.

For Rent Event

Open house for available business rentals in downtown Troy – May 8 from 8 to noon. See the Troy BID website for details.

TRIP Homebuyer Classes

May 14 at 6 at TRIP

Home Smart Training

May 8 from 6-8

TRIP, 415 River, 690-0020 X221 to register

Troy River Street Festival - Call for Vendors

Attention artisans, crafters, antique & food vendors- Now accepting applications for the Troy River Street Arts Festival, Sat June 16.

Download an application from the Troy BID website.

The Alamo is Open for Trash

From June to November, every third Saturday of the month from 8 am to 2 pm.

EVENTS

Troy Night Out – May 25

Downtown Troy at its finest.

Ragtime Ice Cream Social at St. Paul's

On June 10, eat ice cream sundaes for an important Troy cause. Funds will go for a new roof on St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which is in grave danger. Event begins at 12:30. Parade kick off if good weather. Tours of St. Paul's & goodies in the garden. For info about the ice cream social, call Harriet at 419-304-7854.

Fence Salon – 6/16 – 7/15

Fence Select: 7/27-8/31

One of the many benefits of membership in The Arts Center of the Capital Region is an invitation to enter artwork into the Annual Fence Show. The exhibition, which runs every summer & is hung salon -style in the Main Gallery, features a cross section of the varied artistic community that comprises The Arts Center. All levels of skill/ability are represented – novice to pro. Historic Sage's Jim Richard Wilson is this year's juror for the Fence Select! Jim Richard Wilson is Director of the Opalka Gallery and Art History Lecturer for The Sage Colleges.

Kokopellis Offers Alcohol-Free Fun for College Kids on May 8 From 7pm-1am

End of Semester Dance Party for Ages 18+ at Kokopellis, 124 4th Street. Students from any area college are invited! RPI student host Chris Low is raising \$3,600 to make the event entirely free for attendees. His costs include a \$2,500 club rental fee, \$400 for the DJ, \$400 for RPI shuttle to bring students to/from the club, \$250 for food, \$50 for incidental costs. Donations by check to Kokopellis Nightclub, with "Zero Alcohol Party" in the memo. Mail to: Kokopellis, 124 4th St. Troy, NY 2180. Online donations by PayPal or Credit Card [can be made online](#). Chris is seeking sponsorships from businesses & nonprofits. If he does not reach his fundraising goal, there may be an admission fee for the event. If there is interest from the college community, Kokopellis is willing to host similar alcohol -free events next year. On May 9, all three levels of Kokopellis will be open for a 21+ end of the school year party featuring DJ Joey G Entertainment. [More info available...](#)



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Fulton Street Gallery

Historic Sage's Ray Felix, the FSG director, says get to *The Print Show* before May 13.

Ellen Sinopoli Dance Co.

Sat, 5/12 @ 8 pm Repertory Concert featuring a season premiere at The Arts Center of the Capital Region, 273-0552 www.artscenteronline.org

Along with selections from the eclectic repertory, ESDC premieres a solo with dancer Laura Teeter, set to a new solo cello composition by Cornelius Dufallo.

Sat, 5/19 @ 7 pm; Sun, 5/20 at 2 pm. Spotlight Choreo-grapher's Showcase -JCC 2310 Oneida St, Utica13501

www.spotlightcny.com

ESDC is pleased to participate in this concert for the first time, & will show Tiamat, a powerful and evocative solo for dancer Claire Jacob-Zysman.

Market Block Books

Barbara Wood signs her new book, *Stuck in Neutral*, at Market Block Books from 7- 8:30 on Fri, May 25 during TNO. It is a collection of short stories about relationships. Barbara is a retired Troy teacher & is active in the Troy community. Visit www.marketblockbooks.com for store info & event listings.

St. Paul's Concerts at Noon

May 15 Ragtime Windjammers

Troy Music Hall Music at Noon, Free

May 8 Findlay Cockrell

Troy Music Hall, 273-0038

May 4 at 8 Gabriela Montero

May 5 at 8 Lea Salonga

Albany International Airport Art Gallery

Book a flight simply to see Historic Sage's Sharon Bates' latest exhibit in the nation's leading airport art gallery.

P.S. You can visit the gallery without taking a flight.

Carmen's Café, 198 1st

Music at Carmen's

May 13, Mother's Day – Free mimosa with Mom.

Music every Friday, along with their famous tapas menu. Café open from 5-10 Fridays; shows at 6 & 8. TNO - See the art downtown, then head south to visit Mary Wheeler's ART & Carmen's Café.

Sat & Sun 9-4 - Have the breakfast you've always enjoyed, catch up with the neighborhood news.

5/4: Gabriel's Groove - Latin Jazz

5/11: Sonny & Perley

5/18: Mundo Nuevo

5/25: Jazzmin - Super Jazz: Jazz vocalist Michelle Caminos fronts the band featuring bassist Angus Mackie, drummer Bob Casale, pianist Matt Donnelly, guitarist Duffy Whitcomb and saxman Robert Brainard

Art! Gallery, 200 First St

Unique works by local & national artists & classes in jewelry making. Call Mary Wheeler at 326-3946. Wed & Thurs 10-5; Fri 10-8 or 9:30 on TNO; Sat & Sun 10-3

Sanctuary for Independent Media, 3361 Sixth Avenue

Call 272-2390 for info.

May 3 at 7 *The Applepushers*

May 5 at 8 *Flaherty on the Road film festival*

May 6 Be the Media Workshop *The Camera as Interface to the World*

May 19 *Troy Bike Rescue Spring Fundraiser & Film Festival* – 1-6 Neighborhood Meet & Greet; 6 TBR Fundraising Dinner \$20; 8 Greasy Peas Film Fest



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Family Sundays at The Arts Center of the Capital Region

May 13 from 1-2:30 Fun Photo Frames; \$5
Call 273-0552 x231.

Oakwood Cemetery Tours

To register, call 800-556-6273.
Preview your final destination.

Troy Public Library – A Great Resource for All

100 Second St. All programs are free; register at 274-7071
Computer Classes – check the TPL website or call for class schedule.
Free Legal Clinic – 1st Thurs of each month, 5:30-7
May 5,12,19,26 at 2– Mother & Child Yoga Series for kids age 4 to 12
Preschool Family StoryTime – Wed at 10:30 am
Reading with Rosey the Reading Dog – 3rd Thursday by app't 3:30 to 4:30, age 5+

Troy Farmers Market – Outside Beginning May 5

The Troy Market in its outdoor location – Front Street. Every Saturday from 9 to 1!

Coming Soon

June Picnic in the Park

SAVE THE DATE

Maureen Stapleton Honored

Troy native & award winning actress Maureen Stapleton will be recognized in June with various activities. Details to follow or contact her biggest fan, Mike Esposito at 271-1671. Maureen's home on First Street, current home of Cassandra Alison, will be recognized with a marker.

Sage College

A Year With Frog & Toad
June 2,3,10,17 at 2
June 8,9,15,16 at 7
Schacht Fine Arts Ctr Troy
\$10 adults/\$8 students & srs
Call 244-2248 for tkts.

All the News & Then Some

Get your news to Lynn at lkopka@earthlink.net or 274-6434. You too can be a media darling. Remember that the website is effective only if all listings are up to date. Please let us know of changes.

Happy Spring!