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Volunteer Recognition Brunch Was A Success

Chef Jackie Baldwin made more than 50 omelets for the hungry crowd at Cheri Clark's home – the annual pat-on-the-back brunch for your efforts to make this a great neighborhood. Thanks to Jackie, Cherie & everyone who contributed.

New Owners in Osgood

Welcome to **Nicole** and **Ryan Sanborn** on First Street in Osgood. Ryan is originally from Saugerties; Nicole is originally from Pattersonville. They met at the College of Saint Rose while studying music business & technology. Ryan works in Latham at Blue Shield of Northeastern NY; Nicole works in Albany at a printing company called Newkirk Products. They chose Troy because of the easy commute to their jobs, they have several friends who live here, & most of all they love the city's atmosphere - specifically the old architecture that abounds. Their dream is to eventually obtain more properties in the area, including one that overlooks Washington Park to make their future primary residence.

Welcome

Welcome to **Diane Kavanaugh-Black** in Historic Sage. Diane hails from the northwest side of Chicago & is moving into the top floor of Jim Scully's home at 120 Second St. She is taking classes at the Art Center and plans to apply for her New York massage therapy license. Diane's interests include cooking, community building, books & writing, literacy, hiking, social justice. She is the proud mom of two kids attending Goucher College in Baltimore.

Happy First Birthday

The Park's Sophie Emmanuelle Vos turns 1.

Milestones

We missed three February birthdays – Think 1st's Graham Tichy & Osgood's Stanley Hadsell & Barbara Stubblebine. March has many - Jean Krueger, Frank Shanley, Carl Erickson, Kathy Marzcak, Steve Muller, Peter Lucas, Mary Ellen Halloran, Pat Washington, Nancy Klepsch, Gayle Anderson.

Happy Birthday to Flavour

Little Italy's [Flavour Café](#) celebrates 5 years of serving our community with great food, coffee & fun. Stop in & see Charlie & Joe. Little Italy's Jean Krueger is addicted to the cupcakes.

Stringing Us Along

Think 1st's Maria Zemantauski just signed a contract with LaBella Strings, making her the company's newest endorsee! You'll be able to see and hear MariaZ news soon on their website at www.labela.com/

She Can See Clearly Now

Historic Sage's Nina Pattison underwent eye surgery in February. Neighbor Peter Grimm helped with driving to the appointments (with a stop at Placid Baker for cookies). Speedy recovery!

Retired, But Keeping Busy

Deb Henderson of Historic Sage has retired from her job at hospice & is now volunteering at the Office for the Aging Ombudsman Program.

Plants Wanted

We will be continuing our effort to beautify intersections with planters. Any gardeners who have extra flowering plants or small bushes to donate should contact Lynn at 274-6434 or Sid at 272-1944.



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New Businesses

Welcome to **Olga Z Design Studio** – custom made women's clothing, & Russian arts & crafts reflecting Olga's background – is at 11 2nd Street (860-307-7160), Tues-Sun 11-5. Have a free consultation over Russian tea. Olga shares space with **Slavik Milyukov Murals & Decorative Painting** (347-536-5997).

Art Supplies are now available in your neighborhood! Located at 269 River Street, **Pigment Art Supply** offers affordable, quality materials for student, beginner, and professional artists. Owner Robyn Diaz loves the new location in Troy & looks forward to meeting all of her new neighbors. Visit online for info about the products & join the mailing list at www.central-art.com. Pigment offers discounts to Art Center members, students & faculty, as well as discounts for RPI, Sage & other college students, and stretched canvas is ALWAYS 50% off!

Looking for **Troy Dog Owners!** (TDOs)

Historic Sage's Rosie the Reading Dog (& owner Nina Pattison) are looking for a few good dog owners to educate & encourage good dog-owner practices (which include scooping your poop!), to foster socializing among canines and humans and to provide some heft in lobbying for a dog park. Email npattison@nycap.rr.com for further inspiration!

Neither Rain nor Snow...

Welcome to our newest newsletter carrier, the Park's Dan Keating.

Neighborhood Watch/LI

Wed, March 17 at 6/7 pm
233 Fourth Street

Osgood

2nd Tuesday of every month.
6-7, TAUM, 392 Second

To All Gardeners

The Friends of Prospect Park Hidden Garden Tour has had its 10th birthday! Has it outlived its rightful life? Or is there any interest in starting a new decade of that event! If so, please call or email Nina Pattison at 274-5933.

New Businesses

Walk downtown and check out the new businesses and support the old.

Positive Press/Media Darlings

Pfeil's Hardware & Flavour Café were noted in the *Record* for their successes – Flavour for 5 years of operation; Pfeil's Hardware for stocking shelves in response to customer needs. The Park's **Sandra Collins** tells *Street Talk* that she looks forward to watching downhill skiing at the Olympics.

Downtown's **Deb Lockrow** tells *Street Talk* that her least favorite thing about winter is less foot traffic in downtown Troy. Deb's shop at 89 3rd relies on foot traffic, so get your feet there. Dashing **Devin Dasher** of Osgood was featured in an article on saving old windows – up with wood, down with vinyl.

Downtown's **Alane Hohen-berg** was interviewed for *5 Questions* about her rehab project, the Troy Coop and architecture.

Downtown's **Duncan Crary** was interviewed for *5 Questions* concerning his public relations firm, Duncan Crary Communications.

Fifth Avenue's **Peter Fox** received coverage of his efforts at RPI with providing a toolkit for scientists & educators that allows them to gain access to data from a variety of sources.

Downtown's **Dave Gautschi** was pictured in *AtRensselaer* strolling across RPI's campus on his way to a Lally School lecture on the global financial crisis.

Think 1st's **Graham Tichy** was among the performers at the 51st Anniversary: The Day the Music Died Winter Dance Party. He was pictured with his musician father in the *TU*.

Third Street's **Anna Plumey** was pictured in the *Record's Shameless Promotion*. Anna works as a retail account executive for the *Record*.

The Park's **Carol Roberts**, head of young people's services at Troy Public Library, was quoted in the *Record* about the successful LEGO build-off.

Think 1st's **Lucy Larner** was quoted in the *TU* about her Toyota brake problems.



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POUNCE Update

Thanks to Downtown's Deb Lockrow for rescuing a mom cat & her four 2-week old kittens from a less than ideal birthing place. All are doing well and will be available for placement at 6-8 weeks.

Thanks to Gail Lundstrom, Lloyd Gervais, Deb Luzo and Mary Alice Smith for the February round of POUNCE – 5 strays/ferals received services. Thanks to the Park's Nicole Plummer for rescuing a young male cat & placing him.

Donations

Thanks to the Park's Anne Jung for food for the feeding stations; Downtown's Neil Grabowsky for printing; Third Street's Bernice Bornt & Jenny Reid for general support. Feel free to contribute to any of our programs – newsletter, website, POUNCE, snow-blowers, social gatherings, etc. Thanks to everyone who tossed money into our jar at the brunch. We operate on a thin margin.

Website Update

Please check out the website – www.wpa-troy.org – to be sure your postings are up to date. Let us know if changes need to be made.

All the News & Then Some

Get your news to Lynn at 274-6434 or lkopka@earthlink.net. You too can be a media darling.

Caught in the Act

Pay attention to suspicious characters. Report crime to TPD at 270-4411. Drug hotline is 270-5004. Be aware of strangers.

SCOOP YOUR POOP!

Services/Help/Goods

Business for Sale, Office for Rent

Downtown's Open Box Technologies, whose international HQ is located in Carl Erickson's building at 12 State Street, is for sale. The company deals with online video portals. Should the firm relocate, the building will be for rent. It's a perfect space for a start up, a law firm or other business.

Add a Little Zip to Your Wardrobe

Little Italy's Rose Neander is a talented jewelry designer/ maker. Her company, Rose Metals Jewelry, makes 100% handmade metal jewelry from sheet metal (copper, nickel, brass, sterling silver). Rose uses artistic techniques to create unique textures & designs in her pieces. Shop for Rose's creations at Artcentric, 89 Fourth St or Artique (Plaza 8 Shopping Ctr, exit 8, Northway), or at [www.http://www.artfire.com/users/RoseMetals](http://www.artfire.com/users/RoseMetals). Contact Rose at rosemetalsjewelry@gmail.com for info about the pieces.

Add a Little Zip to Your Alley

Osgood's Alley Action project launched its website – TroyAlleyAction.org – just in time for spring cleaning. Get some great ideas for trans-forming your alley into an avant garde art gallery. Watch the progress on the mural being painted under the Congress Street bridge, the Alley Action Project's next installation.

Looking for a Few Good Furnishings

New resident Diane Kavanaugh-Black is looking for a few items for her new home: large area rugs; dining room set; bookshelves; couch/recliner/comfy chair; futon or other guest bed set-up. Call Diane at 773-209-7202 if you have any of the items at good price or free.

Bekandze Bodywork

Massage & energy work for the mind, body, and spirit. Little Italy's Nathaniel Neander (LMT, RMT) specializes in deep tissue massage customized to facilitate healing/rejuvenation for every client. He provides a calm, relaxing environment in an historic Troy brown-stone at 1835 Fifth Avenue. Sessions by appointment only, so call today @ 274-0330; 928-5244 to take the first step towards health & well being.



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Own a Home of Your Own

TRIP's Homeownership Orientation sessions at 6 pm on March 9; Homebuyer Ed (Part I) at 5:30 on Mar 16; Homebuyer Ed (Part II) at 5:30 on Mar 18. All at 415 River St; 2nd floor. Call TRIP Home-Ownership Center at 690-0020 to register.

Kn w to Gr w

Capital District Community Gardens - Spring Classes

40 River St, Troy. Classes free for CDCG gardeners, \$5 per class for community members.

Gardening for Beginners: Part 1 - It's time to start thinking about your garden. This class helps you begin! Learn important tips about: Garden planning/ layout; Soil types/how to create great soil; Using compost; Digging/tilling; Planting: how/when; Garden maintenance

Starting Plants from Seeds Indoors - Learn all the necessary steps to growing your own seedlings: proper containers; lighting; thinning out; possible diseases & how to avoid them

Gardening for Beginners & Just-Past- Beginners: Part 2 - This class covers the important next steps to ensure a bountiful harvest. Learn about: pH/soil pH balance; nutrients and fertilization: how to read a fertilizer bag; proper watering methods & tricks; pests & pest control; weed control

Why Organic? And How?

What?! No Miracle Grow?! Learn how to produce a plentiful harvest with simple techniques that protect the health of both your family & our gardens. Class covers:

Why Organic is important for CDCG & for you

Use of compost/other organic fertilizers to build strong soil

Diversity/companion planting Organic mulches Pest management

The Healthy Food Garden

Gardening gets you outside, exercising, and eating home-grown food—all good things!

Certain fruits & veggies contain more vitamins/nutrients than others. In this class, learn about super-healthy foods & discuss how to grow & cook them. Recipes & food samples are provided.

Identifying Insects/Critters

Know your friends ... & your enemies. Class teaches gardeners how to identify & naturally manage various bugs, worms, & other critters commonly found in garden spaces.

Registration is required. Call 274-8685 or email Colie at educator@cdcg.org.

Sensing Peace Common Studios, 236 Fourth St

Contact owner Jill Dubreuil for info: 607-435-6994 or [email](mailto:).

Waltja Center, 157 1st

Call Charle-Pan for general questions: 518-366-3400

Go to www.waltjacenter.com for info/details of Waltja Ctr.

Apartments, Etc.

Washington Park – 1 Washington Place carriage house – top floor; 1 BR loft. Includes laundry. \$685 + utilities. Call Larry at 272-5031.

Historic Sage – 1 Irving Place (Corner of 2nd & Division). Cozy 1 BR apt w/LR, kitchen, decorative fireplace. \$590 includes heat/hot water. [Email](mailto:) or call 439-0090 ext 1.

3rd St. & Ferry- Gorgeous, newly renovated, 6 room, 1200 sq.ft, parlor floor apt in a desirable downtown Troy brownstone. Sunny large LR with fireplace has owner supplied Mitsubishi a/c; master BR fits a king size bed comfortably, window seat & ceiling fan; 2nd BR/ playroom or studio w/fire-place; kitchen with island has stainless steel D/W, fridge & oven; DR and office/studio; many closets; exclusive use of backyard. Washer/dryer hook up; heat included. Non-smoking building. Attentive non-resident landlord lovingly maintains the building, available for occupancy on March 15. \$950/mo. Call Tom at 516-426-4609

138 Third St, 2nd floor apt, 1,100+ sq. ft. – Large LR, family room, small anteroom (large closet or small office), DR, kitchen, 3 BR. Washer hook-up, bath, 3 closets, pantry, new appliances. \$800 includes heat/HW. Sec dep required. Call Pat Melita 274-5356

138 Third St, 3rd floor apt, 1,100+ sq. ft. (Available 4/15) Large LR, family room, small anteroom (large closet or small office), DR, kitchen, 3 BR. Washer hook-up, bath, 3 closets, pantry, new appliances. \$750 includes heat, HW. Security deposit required. Garage stall available for additional \$35. Call Pat Melita 274-5356



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Osgood – 318 First St - 2nd floor of beautiful, well maintained owner occupied brick Victorian, close to Sage, downtown. Seeking clean, quiet, responsible tenants. Great for professionals/ students. 3 BR or 2 BR w/walk-in closet; office/or extra storage; LR; DR; parlor; kitchen w/gas stove & DW; full bath; laundry room w/washer & dryer. High ceilings. Free wireless internet. Easy on street parking in quiet, safe neighborhood. Tenant pays heat/elec. Litterbox trained, spayed/neutered, indoor-only cats welcome. Dogs considered on individual basis (please bring yours to meet owners!). No Section 8/DSS; no smoking. Requirements:

- * proof of income
- * references
- * credit check
- * background check
- * refundable security deposit(equiv. of 1 month's rent)
- * refundable pet deposit (if applicable..to be determined)
- * first month's rent
- * application fee

Email at rnsanborn@gmail.com.

Scoop Your Poop!

2140 5th Ave. 1 BR apt in owner occupied bldg. Good block. Call Beth @ 845-702-0943.
2140 5th Ave. Avail July -Carriage house in owner occupied bldg. Good block. Call Beth @ 845-702-0943.

For Sale By Owner:

4 Ashland Place (Adams St between 3rd & 4th) 3 unit bldg.
New roof; insulated full basement; new windows; painted exterior. Redone 1st & 2nd floors; space heaters. 2 2 BR units; 1 1 BR unit (1st floor). Small yard. Perfect for owner occupant. Call Bob Caprara @ 785-7239.

EVENTS – A Full Month of Activities

TNO – Friday, March 26

Troy Night Out is a monthly arts & cultural event that takes place the last Friday of EVERY month in downtown Troy from 5 - 9 pm. Event draws over 1,000 people to the streets of Troy; enjoy over 30 art events, 15 music venues & over 20 fine restaurants as well as unique boutiques of all varieties.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the Traditional Manner

Wed, March 17. The Irish Mist @ 285 Second Street has a full evening lined up.

Maria Z Performs

Think 1st's Maria Z performs at the newly renovated Ritz Theater at 107 Broadway in Newburgh, NY on March 27 at 8 pm. Sponsored by LaBella Strings, the concert is part of the Tom Humphrey Guitar Series and will feature the Hudson Valley Philharmonic String Quartet premiering 2 pieces by MariaZ for guitar, violin and cello. The quintet will also perform "Fandango or Guitar and Strings" by Luigi Boccherini. Call 845-784-1199 for tickets (\$25).

Sanctuary for Independent Media, 3361 6th Ave

Tues, Mar 2 at 7. "Freeing Charles" (Nalle) Multimedia

Sun, Mar 7 1-5 pm Workshop: *Media Management in a Digital Universe*

Join David Rice, consultant

on a wide range of preservation topics, for a session on open source applications, digital video codecs and formats, asset and metadata management, high efficiency reformatting, quality control, cataloging, collection management, and metadata technology for archival applications. David was the first archivist for the daily news production *Democracy Now!* & worked at Thirteen/ WNET as digital media archivist. \$40. Advance registration required.

Sat, Mar 13 at 8. "The Age of Stupid"

Fri, Mar 19 at 7. *Warrior Woman of Peace: Mama Charlotte Hill O'Neal*

Wed, Mar 24 at 7. *Bassekou Kouyate & Ngoni Ba* (\$10 admission)

Sat, Mar 27 at 8. *Taina Asili y La Banda Rebelde* (\$10)



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EMPAC

Mar 3-6 from noon -6

Just Noticeable Difference: Sensory Reduction Environment installation

Mar 4 at 7. Free. *Chris Salter panel discussion*. Studio 2

Mar 5 at 8. *Solo 2 Concert* \$15/10/5

Mar 18- Apr 10 *Dancing on the Ceiling: Untethered by Gravity in Time-Based Art*. Free

Mar 20 at 8. *Frederic Rzewski Concert*. \$15/10/5

Friends of Chamber Music

Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard.

Board members Deb Segel & Nina Pattison remind you to attend this amazing concert.

Fri, 3/19 at 8 pm; Cypress String Quartet - Tkts/info at 273-8135 or 266-0044

Historical Society, 57 Second St, 272-7232

A Bite of History: the Plane Truth – Thurs, 3/11 8:30 -10 am w/bagels; \$12 members/ \$15 not yet members

Women's Voices – Sat, 3/13 2-3 pm; members free/\$10 not yet members

Reading Between the Lines Book Group: Travel & Tourism Narratives of the Empire State – 3rd Thurs, March – June, 7- 8:30 pm

Pre-registration required at 272-7232 X 17. Begins 3/18 w/*Legends of Sleepy Hollow*

Hidden History: Downtown Interiors – County Court-house – Tues, 3/23; 4:30 – 5:30 \$12 members/\$15 non-members. Part of a series - \$45 series/\$50 non-members

Irish History in Troy Fri, 3/26; 5-8 pm. Free

RCHS Presents a Major New Exhibit

A Fugitive Slave Rescued: Paintings of Charles Nalle by Mark Priest opens Sat, Feb 27.

Artist/professor Mark Priest worked with RCHS staff to research the history of the fugitive slave Nalle rescue. His dramatic narrative paintings/drawings depict the events of April 26, 1860, immersing viewers in the emotions & issues of the day. Exhibit presented in partnership w/Sage Colleges, which also host part of the exhibit through April 26.

Troy Music Hall

State & Second, 273-0038.

Tues, Mar 9 at noon. Findlay Cockrell

Fri, Mar 12 at 8. Altan, A St. Pat's Day Fete

Sun, Mar 14 at 7. Sisters in Soul – Marcia Ball, Bettye LaVette & Maria Muldaur

Fri, Mar 19 at 8. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's 100 Years of Cab Calloway

Sun, Mar 21. Empire State Youth Orchestra

Fri, Mar 26. Albany Symphony Orchestra

TKTS: 273-0038

Troy Public Library

100 2nd St, 274-7071

Free Legal Clinic – every first Thursday from 5:30-7 pm thru June. Appointments, call Flynn Jebb at 435-1770.

Book Discussions – 3/8 – *Places in Between* by Rory Stewart

Young People's Programs

Wii Game Night – every Tues, 5:30-7:30; ages 8+

Beyond the Classroom Tutoring – every Wed, 5:30-7:30; ages 7+

Reading with Historic Sage's Rosie (accompanied by Nina Pattison) by appointment on 3rd Thurs, 3:30-4:30; ages 5+

Anime Programs – every Wed, 6; ages 13+

Teen Art Club – every Fri, 3:30-4:30; ages 12+

Preschool Family Story Time – every Wed, 10:30 am; ages 5+



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Ellen Sinopoli Dance Co.

Celtic Footprints

Sat, March 20 at 7 pm

(snow date 3/21 at 3 pm)

Hubbard Hall, 25 East Main Street, Cambridge, NY

(518) 677-2495 or www.hubbardhall.org

New collaborative performance program, choreographer Ellen Sinopoli, storyteller Bairbre McCarthy & ESDC dancers take families on a fantastical journey as they weave stories, song and dance to follow the footprints of the Celts from Central Europe to Scotland, Wales & Ireland & then across the Atlantic to Appalachia. See & hear the myth of the Seal People, the Legend of the Swans, the Adventures of Jack (beyond the beanstalk), the Tale of Norouas, the Northwest Wind, the fable of Dagda's Magical Harp and the hilarious yarn of how Marika Got Her Story.

Dance Showcase

Sat, March 27 at 8 pm

Ulster Performing Arts Ctr, 601 Broadway, Kingston, NY

Adults \$18, Srs/Students \$15, Group \$12

UPAC B O: (845) 339-6088

Tktmaster: (845) 454-3388

www.ulsterballet.org

ESDC performs in a dance showcase in Kingston. Includes *Agri Anna*, a layered sensual duet, & *Contrapuntal Fling*, an energetic, synco-pated piece to Bernstein's "Prelude, Fugue and Riffs".

Martinez Gallery on Broadway

See the latest works from this acclaimed gallery at Monument Square.

Other Venues:

Revolution Hall

425 River St, 273-2337.

Clement Art Gallery – 201 Broadway; 272-6811

Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River

Volunteer Opportunities

It is through your efforts that our neighborhoods are great. Call Lynn at 274-6434 to volunteer for newsletter activities, snowblowing team, litter patrol, etc. We need you, your \$\$, your muscles and, sometimes, your brain.

SAVE THE DATE

Landlord Training

Thurs, 4/22; 5:30–9:30 pm

Italian Community Center

1450 Fifth Avenue (between Ferry & Liberty streets)

Registration required.

Contact TRIP'S Home Ownership Ctr at 690-0020

or register@triponline.org

Downtown Festivals

River Street Festival

Sat, June 19 from 10-6

Rockin' on the River

June 23-Aug 25; Wednesdays at 5pm

Troy Pig Out

Sat, July 17 from 11am-10pm; Sun, July 18 from 11-3

Chowderfest

Sat, Oct 16 from 11-4pm