

# THE SLOAN CONNECTION

KEEPING OUR VILLAGE RESIDENTS INFORMED AND CONNECTED

SUMMER 2015

## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR NIWINSKI

The Village is under an Order on Consent by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to develop and implement a comprehensive Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) abatement program. This Order is in response to the Village discharging (via pumping) untreated wastewater from our sanitary system into the storm system during periods of heavy rain. In response to this Order, the Village has implemented a sump pump/drainage inspection requirement for every property sold in the Village. The DEC prohibits downspouts and sump pumps to drain directly into the sanitary system. If your system is designed this way, it should be disconnected immediately. All storm water should drain directly onto your lawn or through a

bubbler system. Additionally this year, our Highway Dept. will begin a five year program of flushing our sewer system and cleaning storm drain inlets.

I have been working cooperatively with our Erie County Legislator, Patrick Burke, who is receptive to the needs of our residents and the recent regulations by the DEC Order that we must follow. Legislator Burke has recently introduced legislation for the expansion of Erie County Sewer District No. 1 to include the Village of Sloan. I ask for your help in supporting Patrick Burke in September's primary election for County Legislator. We need to elect good people who assist the Village with our needs.

We are continuing work with the County Land Bank

(BENLIC) on vacant properties located in the Village. The rehabilitation of 290 Atlantic Avenue should be completed by fall and the house listed for sale. Also, through grant monies awarded from the state to BENLIC, we are pursuing demolition of 278 Reiman Street, which has been declared structurally unsound by our Code Official and Engineer.

I encourage all residents to help your community by assisting elderly or disabled neighbors, whether by taking out their trash or giving them a hand with their lawns. By working together and taking pride in our neighborhoods, we can keep Sloan a beautiful place to live.

## CRIME AWARENESS

Recently there has been an increase in destruction in Griffith Park. We had 5 picnic tables damaged and there was a fire in one of the garbage cans. If you see anything happening, please call 911 immediately. Keep your car doors locked at all times, even in your driveway. The past several years have shown an increase at this time of year in car entry during the day or night.

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## REMINDERS

If you are aged 60, you are eligible to participate in the EC Lunch Program. Meals are served at noon, Mon-Fri at the Community Center, 140 Halstead Ave, for a \$3 donation. Come join us for lunch, pokeno, bingo, exercise, cards, or just the company of friends. Call Helen or Ed at 897-1389 for more info.

## ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATOR PATRICK BURKE

I feel privileged to be the elected Erie County Legislator for the Village of Sloan and I take my responsibilities seriously. In my first term in office, I've pressured the Erie County District of Sewer Management to take over the beleaguered Sloan sewer system. There is no doubt that the sewer infrastructure costs will be substantial but I want

to see the County support the Village like it has with so many other municipalities in the area. It won't be an easy task and there has already been push back but I will use the full weight of my office to advocate on your behalf. My first term has been an enriching yet challenging one. I have a vision for the 7<sup>th</sup> District and for the County as a whole; I want to

see our County thrive by building regional assets, growing the middle class, and planning our development in a way that works for all citizens! For generations now, leaders in this region have failed to see the forest through the trees. They've jumped out and taken action without fully considering the long term consequences of their decisions. It's time

for a new generation of leadership that is deliberative and thoughtful. I believe we're seeing that now and I have great hope for the future of the Village of Sloan, for the 7<sup>th</sup> District and for all of WNY. I've gotten to know many of you over the last two years and hope to meet many more of you over the coming months. If there is anything I can do to help you on the County level please call me at 858-8480.

## SLOAN ACTIVE HOSE CO NO 1—INSPECTION 2015



On Sunday, June 14th, the Sloan Active Hose Co. No.1 held its' annual mass at St. Andrew's R.C. Church followed by an inspection of the members, equipment, and the fire station by the Village of Sloan Board. Thank you to all our firefighters for your time and dedication to our Village and its' residents.

### FROM ALAN WIEBERG, FIRE CHIEF

As summer approaches, I would like to remind everyone with young children about pool safety. Whether you have your own pool or spa, or visit a public swimming facility, you should practice as many safety steps as possible. Never leave children unattended and keep them

away from drains and filters to avoid entrapment. If your child is missing, always check your pool or spa first. All gates should be installed with self-closing and self-latching hardware. If you use a ladder for your above-ground pool, it should be raised and locked in an upright posi-

tion when not in use. Since 2006, NYS requires an alarm that emits an audible sound if the water surface is disturbed to be used in every residential pool. For more information and tips, visit [www.poolsafely.gov](http://www.poolsafely.gov).

## DEMOLITION OF 2180 WILLIAM STREET



For over fifteen years, the building located at 2180 William Street stood vacant and abandoned. Not only was it an eyesore in our community and for our surrounding neighbors, it became a health and structural danger to our residents and the general public. After an inspection by our Code Enforcement Officer, the building was officially condemned and the Village Board pursued action. After notifying all interested parties, the building was demolished in August, 2014.



## 13TH ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, buy a few refreshments at the concession stand under the park shelter, and get a few split club tickets as you enjoy the "Sounds of Summer 2015"!

**June 25 Five Friend Wayne 7:00 to 9:00pm** Kick-off the summer concert series with a mix of classic and southern rock for your listening pleasure.

**July 9 Crash Cadillac 7:00 to 9:00pm** New this year .... from the 50's to the 80's, this group performs music for everyone to enjoy!!

**July 23 Disco Duck 7:00 to 9:00pm** Dig out those platform shoes and relive the music and spirit of the Disco Era with these talented musicians!

**August 6 New Direction 7:00 to 9:00pm** Put your polka shoes on for WNY's only "Chicago Style" Polka band, featuring the songs that make you want to dance and cheer!

**August 20 Dave's Night Out 6:00 to 8:00pm** Topping off the summer concert series with an evening of acoustic Americana & Classic Rock featuring former members of bands that rocked WNY; Cock Robin, Weekend, Talas, The Warlocks, X-Dreams and more!

All concerts are held at Griffith Street Park behind the Sloan Fire Hall and in the event of rain, concerts will be held inside the Sloan Fire Hall.

## SLOAN'S 6TH 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 to enjoy this year ..... Hope to see everyone there!!

**DATE: Sunday, August 30, 2015**

**TIME: 2:00 PM—DUSK**

**PLACE: Griffith Park**

**NOTE: THE PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON THE ABOVE DATE RAIN OR SHINE**

## VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE AND YARD SALE

On **Saturday, August 29th** - the Village of Sloan is inviting all residents to participate in a 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 and provide us with your address. We will compile a list of participants addresses and distribute it at Village Hall the week before the sale during regular business hours.

# GRIFFITH PARK SUMMER ACTIVITIES

This summer all children or grandchildren of Village residents ages 5-12 years, are invited to participate in the weekly activities to be held at the Pool Shelter. Mark your calendars for the following events:

6/29/15 Pool Opens	7/22/15 Tye Dye Day	8/12/15 Ice Cream Day
7/8/15 Chalk Day	7/29/15 Beach Day	8/19/15 3D Art Day
7/15/15 Hawaiian Day	8/05/15 Earth Day	8/26/15 Rainbow Day

All children's events will be between the hours of 12 noon—2pm. Each event day listed above will include special treats and crafts in celebration of that day! Just show your Village ID card or proof of residency.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - GRIFFITH PARK—TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th at 6:00 PM

All residents are welcome to visit the exhibits by the Cheektowaga Town Police Department & Squad Team. Refreshments will be served. A flashlight walk will be led by the Sloan Fire Department at dusk.

### NEW HOPE CHURCH, 358 REIMAN ST

#### "Free Parking Lot Family Drive-In Nights"

**June 20** "Mercy Rule" (w/Kirk Cameron)

**June 27** "Unconditional"

**July 11** "Seven Days In Utopia"

**July 18** "Old Fashioned"

**August 8** "King's Faith"

**August 15** "God's Not Dead"

Lot opens at 8:30pm. Movie starts at dusk. FREE snacks while they last—feel free to bring your own snacks & non-alcoholic beverages. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Everyone is welcome to attend!

#### What Recycling Schedule is Your Street?

**"A" Red Week** - Wagner, Atlantic, Lackawanna, Village Lane, Michael, Halstead, Curtiss, Griffith and those portions of Broadway, Reiman, Gates and Lovejoy west of Boll Street

**"B" Blue Week** - Boll, Currier, Roland, Crocker, Francis, Jackson, Rutland, Harlem, Gierlach, Franklin, Blick, those portions of Broadway, Reiman, Gates and Lovejoy that are east of Boll, and the Southside of Sloan off of William Street

### ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 20** 10am-3pm Youth Group Car & Truck Wash \$5 & \$7/Free Paper Shredding/Hot Dog, Chips & Drink Lunch \$3

**July 20-24** 6-8pm FreeVacation Bible School

**July 25** Weekend Extravaganza—Meat Raffle & Mini Theme Tray, Doors open 5:30pm, Raffle begins at 7pm—Tickets incl: 2 pcs pizza, pop, beer & wine/Presale \$5/ At the door \$8

**July 26** 11am Polka Mass/Krolick's Chicken dinner 12noon-sold out/\$11 presale/\$12 at door

**August 8** 4pm Outdoor Summer Mass & Picnic

**October 4** 12:30pm Blessing of the Animals

**October 25** 3:00pm St. Andrews Centennial Anniversary Celebration—Bishop Richard J. Mallone

**Refuse & Recycling Collection** will have no pick up date change for July 4th since it is on Saturday this year. Please note that pick up for Labor Day will be delayed one day to Friday, September 11th due to the holiday.

**Additional totes available for purchase at Village Hall.** \$45 for 95 gallon totes, \$42 for 65 gallon totes. Recycling totes are only available in 65 gallon. Totes can be delivered to your home if you are unable to take them with you.

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