

THE SLOAN CONNECTION

KEEPING OUR VILLAGE RESIDENTS INFORMED AND CONNECTED

FALL WINTER 2017

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR FERRUCCI

The past six months of my tenure as Mayor has been quite busy and I want to thank my staff for their support and guidance through this transition. In July, the Board and I appointed Caitlin Carlson as Trustee, filling the vacancy left by our March election. Caitlin has lived in the Village for several years, recently purchasing a home with her husband Mitch, who is a volunteer fireman in Sloan.

The Village continues to progress on the NYSDEC Order on Consent concerning our sanitary sewer system. Our engineering firm has contracted and completed the first stage of smoke testing on 12 different Village streets in September and are in the process of reviewing results to develop a plan of action.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Assemblywoman Monica Wallace for assisting us in obtaining a legislative grant of \$5,000. These monies were used to purchase additional playground equipment for both Griffith and Wrazen Park, which will be installed in the spring.

In October, the Village submitted a Letter of Intent to Apply for a Restore New York Community Grant. Grants are awarded to distressed communities to support projects that include demolition, deconstruction, or rehabilitation of

vacant, condemned or surplus properties. The applications are available in November with a December 15, 2017 deadline to apply.

At our October 10th Board meeting, we approved a one (1) year extension to our garbage/recycling contract with Modern Inc. This option was exercised only after several discussions with Modern to address some of our residents' concerns about tote placement and grass pickup. Modern will continue to pick up two (2) bulk items/furniture on a weekly basis from each house, and all grass clippings should be placed inside your garbage tote or in paper lawn/leaf bags alongside of the tote. Leaves do not have to be bagged, but raked onto the grassy area near the curb and will be picked up by our DPW.

Please join my fellow Board members and our Fire Department for the Halloween parade on Tuesday, October 31st. We will be convening at St. Andrew's Church at 6:00pm and parade to the Community Center on Halstead for a candy giveaway. Village Trick or Treating will then follow until 8:00pm.

REMINDERS

Daylight Savings Time ends on Saturday, November 4th. Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one (1) hour before you go to bed at night.

Winter Parking Ban goes into effect on November 15, 2017 and continues through April 1, 2018. Avoid a parking ticket by obtaining a parking permit for one of the following lots: Village Hall, Fire Department lots or by Griffith Pool. Permits are free and currently available at Village Hall.

ALL snow plow drivers MUST obtain a snow plow permit for the Village of Sloan. They can be obtained at Village Hall during regular business hours. A valid drivers license, current insurance, and registration is required. One permit may include numerous addresses. There is a \$25 fee per permit.

FROM GENE BESZCZYNSKI, DPW CHIEF

As most of our residents are aware, the Village coordinated a summer long project with Erie County Water Authority on Lovejoy Street. ECWA installed new water supply lines from Boll to Atlantic. The Village replaced numerous storm drain inlets, completed some sewer line replacements and sub-contracted for curbing, sidewalks and paving through a shared services agreement with the Town of Cheektowaga. Working with the Town is a cost savings for our residents and these improvements will assist with drainage issues that

we have been experiencing in the area the past several years.

Throughout this year, we have replaced all the street signs in the Village. This project brought the Village into federally regulated standards for retroreflectivity and mixed-case lettering (use of both upper and lower case).

Over the next several weeks, our department will be on leaf pickup throughout the Village. We ask that residents rake the leaves onto the grass located between the sidewalk and street. It is not necessary to call

for a pickup as we will continue making rounds until all the leaves have fallen and are retrieved.

In preparation of winter, we have equipped our plow trucks and they are ready to go in the event of an early snowfall. We ask our residents to not plow or shovel their snow into the street, as this creates a hazardous condition for drivers. If you hire a plow driver, they are required to apply for a permit at Village Hall. The fee is minimal and provides us with their insurance and contact information if needed.

VILLAGE OF SLOAN 2017 FAMILY PICNIC



On August 27th, the Village held its' 8th Annual Family Picnic in Griffith Street Park. Unseasonably cold and wet weather was a factor for low turnout of 100 or less Sloan residents that attended and enjoyed great food with their neighbors and Village friends! Sack races, adult BINGO, musical chairs and water balloon toss were just a few of the activities. A water slide provided hours of fun for the younger crowd and G&N Sounds entertained us with music. The picnic is funded by the Soup on Sunday event held every March and through generous donations from Sloan Market and Sahlens.



FROM ALAN WIEBERG, SLOAN FIRE CHIEF

These are some exciting times for the members of the Sloan Active Hose Company #1. We are seeing our mutual aid response expanding further into different areas of the town. Our department has a reputation for being quick to respond, well-staffed, and highly trained. Without our dedicated members and the support of our Village residents, this could not happen.

The other exciting news is the upcoming delivery of our new engine in January 2018. The Rosenbauer engine will become our new Engine 1, replacing our 1994 KME. The new

engine will feature an all-aluminum body with a galvanized coated frame to help prevent rust or corrosion issues due to our harsh winters and will ensure a quality truck for many years to come. As new fire engines are built they must meet stringent new safety standards such as rear chevron reflective warning stickers, seat belt sensors (to ensure we wear our seatbelts), and improved quality handrails and steps. The new engine also has a built-in foam system, which provides better fire suppression and a tool should any railroad incidents occur. The 1994 KME is up for sale

through a fire apparatus broker, which is the best method for getting the highest resale value for the truck. Our truck committee worked diligently in the past year researching and planning for the new engine. We were always focused on three main points:

(1) Does it meet our requirements, both for today and the future (2) Will the truck be reliable and well built (3) Have we kept the cost down as much as possible. I firmly believe we accomplished all three goals with the purchase of this Rosenbauer engine.

SLOAN YOUTH RECREATION CENTER

Sloan Youth Recreation Center, located upstairs at the Piekarski Community Ctr, 140 Halstead Ave, is currently open. All Village youth residents ages 8 yrs and up are wel-

come to join; 7 yrs or younger must be accompanied by an adult. Village ID required, photo ID cards available at the Rec Center during hours of operation: Mon-Fri 4-8 pm. Closed Sat & Sun. Workout Room open same

hours as Rec Center. Hours subject to change during school breaks. Check at the Rec Center for any upcoming special events, crafts, movie nights, etc. There will be a sign up sheet for these events. Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE

Since 2008, the Village office staff has organized a basket raffle to benefit families in our Village. To date, over \$8000 has been raised and distributed to those in need during the holiday season. Baskets and gift cards are graciously donated from local busi-

nesses, residents, employees, DPW and Fire Dept. All monies raised are used to purchase gift certificates from Sloan Supermarket or Wal-Mart which are then sent to Village families in need. If you are interested in donating an item, basket or gift card,

please contact Karen or Debbie at 897-1560. One sheet of 25 tickets for \$5/5 sheets for \$20 available for purchase after December 6 at Village Hall. Drawing will be at the Christmas Party on Dec. 17; need not be present to win.

RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTION INFORMATION

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

Refuse / Recycling Holiday Collection

Regular pick ups will be Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving, Friday, December 29 and Friday, January 5

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.

8TH ANNUAL SOUP ON SUNDAY

Mark your calendars now for your favorite Village winter event! Remember, it's first come/first serve, so be there early. We wouldn't want you to miss out on any of your favorites!

- DATE:** Sunday, March 4, 2018
TIME: 12:30 pm—???? Will serve until all soup is gone
PLACE: Sloan Fire Hall, 55 Gates Street
DONATION: \$7 for adults / \$3 ages 6-10 / Kids 5 & under free

Take-Out containers \$4.00 / Canned pop & homemade desserts available for purchase /
Bread, Coffee, Tea included / Split Club Raffle held throughout the event

VILLAGE OF SLOAN EVENTS

10/31 Halloween Parade begins at 6:00 pm in front of St. Andrew's Church and continues to the John A. Piekarski Community Center for candy give away. Village ID/proof of residency required.

10/31 Trick or Treating 6:00pm-8:00pm

12/6 Basket Raffle tickets on sale at Village Hall-Baskets will be on display. Tickets are \$5 per sheet of 25 or 5 sheets for \$20.

12/17 Village Christmas Party & Basket Raffle at Sloan Fire Hall 2pm—4pm

3/4/18 "Soup On Sunday" 12:30pm at Sloan Fire Hall, 55 Gates Street

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent DePaul, St. Andrews Holy Name Society and Frank L. Gierlach Post are collecting non-perishable food items that are NOT outdated, frozen turkeys and hams for needy families in the Village of Sloan. Donations can be dropped off at Village Hall or St. Andrews Church Rectory. If you need assistance or know of someone who does, please contact St. Andrews Church at 892-0425 or Sloan Village Hall at 897-1560.

ST. ANDREW'S EVENTS CALENDAR

Youth Group Pierogi Sale sauerkraut, cheese, and potato \$15/dozen. Order forms available at Rectory. Pierogi pick ups are after masses wknd 11/11 & 11/12

11/10 Meat Raffle sponsored by Frank L. Gierlach Post. Doors open 5:30pm/Drawings begin at 6:30pm. \$5 Donation for ticket. Incl: beer, pop, & wine, pizza for sale. 21 or older. Call Andy 868-8927 or Ann 824-1344 for tickets.

11/23 Thanksgiving Mass 9:00am

12/11 Breakfast w/Santa—Parish Hall 9am-1pm Buffet style breakfast/pictures/crafts/activities for kids.

Remembrance Tree Service 5:00pm

12/24 Christmas Eve Mass 4:00pm & 10:00pm

12/25 Christmas Day Mass 8:00am & 11:00am

1/21/18 Sports Night Doors open 4pm. \$40 includes admission for ticket holder & 1 guest, 1 Superbowl square, beer, pop, coffee & food. Call 892-0425 for info

1/28/18 Youth Group Pancake Breakfast 9am-1pm. Call rectory for more information.

2/14/18 Ash Wednesday 8am & 7pm Mass

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, Nov 4, 2017 at Erie 1 BOCES, West Seneca, Harlem Rd, 9:30am—1:00pm. Rain or shine. Limit of 4 CRT TV's per vehicle. Sponsored by: Senator Patrick Gallivan, Spectrum & Sunnking. For more info visit: www.sunnking.com/acceptable-materials.