

# THE SLOAN CONNECTION

KEEPING OUR VILLAGE RESIDENTS INFORMED AND CONNECTED

SPRING/SUMMER 2018

## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR FERRUCCI

My first year as Mayor of our Village is quickly coming to a close and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our residents for their involvement and support. Our most pressing issue for the past year, and over the next several years, is the Order on Consent issued by the NYSDEC. The Order mandates the Village to make necessary repairs to our sanitary system to prevent Inflow and Infiltration. We have been awarded two (2) Engineering Planning Grants in the amounts of \$100,000 each. The Village must match these funds in the amount of \$50,000, of which a small portion can be for "in-kind" services. Our engineer has completed approximately 30% of smoke testing in the Village, with the balance to be undertaken this year. After these results are compiled by our engineer, we will begin the process of notifying property owners of any repairs that they must complete. These results will also be used to develop and implement a corrective action plan for the main sanitary sewers through-

out the Village. The preliminary rehabilitation cost estimates for the main sanitary system are in excess of six million dollars. In response to this mandated Order, I have established a team consisting of our engineer, attorney, grant writer, Highway Chief, Clerk and Bond Counsel. We will be applying for available grants and loans through New York State Environmental Facilities. Available grants will only cover 25% of project costs, and the balance of monies must be paid for by the Village. This will be a costly endeavor for our residents but is mandated by the DEC Order. I will continue to provide updates of this lengthy process as they develop.

Early in 2017, the Village Board approved the purchase of a new fire truck, replacing the 1994 KME that has served our Village for the past 24 years. Through careful financial planning over the last several years, we placed a 50% deposit on the truck and have financed the balance over the following four budget years. The truck was delivered on March 13<sup>th</sup> and will

be in service during the next few weeks. I want to thank the truck committee and Chief Wieberg for their extensive work over the last two years in putting together a purchase plan that is both cost effective and meets our residents' future emergency needs.

On behalf of my fellow Board members, I want to congratulate Trustee Caitlin Carlson and her husband on the birth of their baby, Mark Joseph on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

To round out March, the Village will be hosting its annual Easter event on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 2:00pm. This event is only open to Village residents and ID must be presented at the door. There will be a chocolate raffle, refreshments, a magic show and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Our resident photographer will be on hand to take pictures of the children with the Easter Bunny and of the Raffle Prize Winners. Hope to see you at one of our events!

*Thomas Ferrucci*

## FROM ALAN WIEBERG, FIRE CHIEF



After 2 years of careful planning, Mayor Tom Ferrucci received the keys for our new custom built Rosenbauer Fire Truck.

After considerable research and planning, the much-anticipated new Sloan Engine 1 has arrived! What makes the new engine so awesome? Besides looking amazing with the American flag grill and our name lit up in blue, it also has many innovative features. The engine has newly designed, mandated safety standards such as seatbelt alarms, backlit grab handles, a one-piece windshield, and additional steps. The Rosenbauer model is manufactured with an all-aluminum body and galvanized coated frame to prevent corrosion in our harsh Buffalo winters. The new foam system on Engine 1 makes it much easier and efficient to use foam when fighting fires. Foam not only suppresses fires quicker but reduces the amount of water needed. Because our Village is surrounded by railroads, the foam is vital for our response to any incidents involving railcars. You may see our new truck being driven

through our Village streets as our members are currently undergoing training on it. We have spent extensive hours since its arrival stocking it with the tools necessary to place it into service. Engine 1 is an American made well-built piece of apparatus that will provide protection for our Village residents for many years to come. If you are attending the Easter event at the Fire Hall on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, ask one of our members to give you a mini-tour of our new Engine 1!

## FROM VINCE FERRARACCIO, CODE ENFORCEMENT

During the past two years, on behalf of the Village, I have referred 26 Housing Court cases to the Town of Cheektowaga for lack of compliance. Cases are only referred after several violation notices have been sent to the property owners and they failed to remedy or contact my office as to an acceptable schedule of repairs. In December, the Board and I met with Judge Paul Pitrowski to discuss referral procedures and to streamline enforcement of cases. We believe that strict code enforcement helps to preserve our

neighborhoods, protect residents' property value and the quality of our community. Over the past five years, we have built a successful partnership with the Buffalo Land Bank, who has provided financial assistance for both demolitions and rehabilitations of structures throughout our Village. They have recently acquired 137 Griffith Street, which has been vacant for 6 years, and will be rehabilitating the property this summer. Hopefully by fall, it will be up for sale and another family will be afforded the opportuni-

ty to join the Village of Sloan. With the passage of the Foreclosure Relief Act of 2016, we have seen a dramatic decrease in the number of vacant, distressed homes across WNY. It mandates quicker foreclosure actions by banking institutions and property maintenance during the foreclosure process. If you are in jeopardy of losing your home, guidance is offered through the Western New York Law Center. Please contact them at 855-0203 x118 for FREE legal advice on your pending foreclosure. Do NOT vacate your home without

## 16TH ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN GRIFFITH STREET PARK

**June 28**    **Disco Duck**    Kick off the summer and relive the music and spirit of the Disco Era with these talented entertainers! Don't forget your dancing shoes!

**July 12**    **Tom Stahl & the Dangerfields**    For their first performance in our Summer Concert Series, welcome the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame Inductees and their rock classics.

**July 26**    **Swift Kick**    Western New York's Little Big Band that performs music to entertain all ages and will get you up on your feet!

**August 9**    **Five Friend Wayne**    Classic, southern rock and current pop hits are the specialty of this local band as they perform again for our listening pleasure!

**August 23**    **Crash Cadillac**    Rock 'n Roll sounds from the 50's to the 90's will bring back all those memories, performing music for everyone to enjoy.

***Refreshments are available at each performance. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs & invite some friends! All concerts are from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be rescheduled***

## INSURANCE DISCOUNTS

Since the Village shares the same zip codes with the City of Buffalo, it is very important that you check your automobile and homeowners insurance policies to make sure it

shows Sloan, NY NOT Buffalo, NY. Your annual premium is less if you are located in the Village of Sloan. If any resident needs a letter addressed to their insurance company validating

that you are a resident in the Village, please contact us at 897-1560 or come in to Village Hall Monday-Friday during regular business hours.

## FROM GENE BESZCZYNSKI, DPW CREW CHIEF

Every year, the Village of Sloan is allocated financial assistance through the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) by New York State. These funds were used last year for the Lovejoy Street reconstruction and can be used for any highway improvements that have a life span of at least 10 years.

Any resident that has recently driven down Reiman Street is aware of the failing condition of this

roadway. Throughout winter, we have repeatedly patched the potholes but cold patch is only a temporary fix. Based on the condition of Reiman Street, we have applied for a waiver of the 10-year limit, as Reiman was last paved in 2009. Should a waiver not be approved, the Village will be paving either Michael or Atlantic Street.

We would also like to remind everyone that while mowing their

lawns, to not blow the clippings into the street. During rain, the clippings wash into the storm drain and create blockages and potential backups. Instead bag them and place inside your trash tote. If using the brown paper yard waste bags, please place next to your tote on trash day. During your spring yard cleanup, if you need to dispose of any old tires, for a few dollars each they can be recycled at Geiter-Doner, located at 300 Greene Street in Lovejoy.

## GRIFFITH PARK

The Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for “Seasonal Recreation Attendants” for Griffith Park and Pool. You must be 16 years of age or older in order to apply. Applications are being accept-

ed at Village Hall during business hours. Please check the Village of Sloan website in the upcoming months for updates on the opening date, hours of operation and for any scheduled events at the pool, the pool shelter or in the

park. Applications are also being accepted for “Park Attendants— Evening Park Security”. A vehicle is required for this position as you will be monitoring both Griffith and Wrazen Parks.

## REFUSE & RECYCLING HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Memorial Day—Monday, May 28— Collection will be delayed until Friday, June 1, 2018

Independence Day—Wednesday, July 4—Collection will be delayed until Friday, July 6, 2018

Labor Day—Monday, September 3— Collection will be delayed until Friday, September 7, 2018

## ST. ANDREW’S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/25 Breakfast w/Bunny 9am-1pm  
\$8 adults/\$3 10-under

3/31 Blessing of Baskets 12 & 1pm

3/31 8pm Vigil Mass

4/1 Easter Mass 8am & 11am

5/6 First Communion 9am

5/31 Confirmation 7pm

8/25 Outdoor Mass & Picnic 4pm

6/10 Sloan FD Inspection Mass 8am

10/7 Blessing of Animals 1pm

10/21 Polka Mass 11am & Meat

Raffle

## RECYCLING ALL YEAR ROUND - DID YOU KNOW.....

Over 75% of what we throw away could be recycled. Please help protect the environment and learn what items are acceptable or not, together our efforts will make a difference.

**ACCEPTABLE:** Cardboard must be cut into 4’ flat sections or broken down and placed next to tote, Paper bags, pizza boxes-wax paper sheet must be removed, junk mail envelopes/flyers/brochures/postcards/paper no wax coat-

ed-cereal, cracker, cookie boxes, newspapers with no rubber bands, strings, or bags, magazines, catalogs, paper, phone books, empty steel/tin cans, empty clear bottles/jars, empty plastic jugs, bottles, household beverage containers, household plastic containers (mayo, salad dressing, margarine tubs, mustard, ketchup), kitchen cookware, metal pots, pans, tins, utensils, large rigid plastic items like: lawn chairs, kitty litter tubs, 5 gallon plastic buckets, children’s large plastic toys

and plastic grocery bags. **UNACCEPTABLE:** Styrofoam containers or packaging, household cleaners, paint cans, medical supplies or waste, batteries, flammable liquids, household cleaners, wood items, concrete, garden hose, electrical cords, tires, branches, yard waste, grass clippings, light bulbs, dishes or ceramics, pool liners, tarps, covers, propane tanks, plate glass, mirrors.

## VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE AND YARD SALE

**Saturday, August 25th** - All residents are urged to participate in this Village wide community event! Official advertised hours are 8:00am—2:00pm. Register your address with Village hall by August 23rd so you can get on the list that will be distributed at Village Hall the day before and the morning of the sale. Remember, one person’s junk is another person’s treasure!

## DOOR - TO - DOOR SOLICITORS

Are you annoyed when door-to-door solicitors come knocking? If the answer is yes, please call Village Hall and request that your address be added to the “No Solicitors” list we maintain. This list is provided to every person who is granted

a solicitation permit from the Village. You have every right to ask a solicitor for proof of a Sloan issued permit. If they are unable to provide one, contact Cheektowaga Police Dept at 686-3501. Do not be pressured into providing copies of

your utility bills to anyone under the pretense that they will be disconnected. Never let a solicitor in your house and if you feel you are being pressured or they will not leave, call 911 immediately. The only exception to the permit requirements is for religious organizations.

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