

# THE SLOAN CONNECTION

KEEPING OUR VILLAGE RESIDENTS INFORMED AND CONNECTED

SUMMER 2022

## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR THOMAS FERRUCCI

This Spring has seen the continuation of construction on the “Southside” streets of Celina and Mann. Similar to the 2021 project on Grattan and Lehigh Streets, storm grade drainage upgrades to correct elevation issues, repair of drain inlets and the installation of curbs will improve the flow of water and reduce flooding during heavy rains. Sanitary sewers have been repaired and slip lined to prevent inflow of storm water into the sanitary, which saves treatment costs, and sanitary into storms, which results in pollution to Lake Erie. Next month will see the milling and paving of Celina, Mann, Strawn and Wrazen Parkway.

On behalf of my fellow Board members, I want to thank the Sloan DPW for installing the two new

swing sets at Wrazen Park. The project was paid through a 2021 grant by County Legislator Tim Meyers, which also allowed us to remove the old shelter that was beyond repair. More projects are slated in the next few years for Wrazen Park, most notably the replacement of twenty year old playground equipment.

The sports courts at Griffith Park are also getting a much needed overhaul this summer. The 120x150’ area will be paved, have new drainage and fencing installed. Trustee Eric Czubaj has been instrumental in the design of the area, which will host a roller hockey rink, one basketball court, two foursquare and three pickleball courts. Assemblywoman Monica Wallace secured funding for a large portion of this project with the balance being allocated through the Village budget. Assemblywoman Wal-

lace has also secured a grant of \$40,000 for our Sloan Fire Department to purchase two Thermal Imaging cameras, upgraded fire hose and a replacement Extrication Tool. Partnering with our state and local representatives affords the Village the means to continue providing superior services and recreational offerings to our community members.

Please take advantage of our beautiful weather in our too-short summers in WNY. Visit one of our beautiful parks, bring your children or grandchildren to the Splashpad or enjoy a free concert at Griffith beginning June 23<sup>rd</sup>. For a full concert listing, see page four of this publication. See you around the neighborhood!

*Thomas Ferrucci*, Mayor



### FROM ERIC CZUBAJ, YOUTH RECREATION

Last week, we held interviews for our seasonal, recreation attendants for employment at the Griffith Park Splashpad this summer. I want to welcome back Michele, Mackenzie, Carissa, Jenna and Aspen. Congratulations to our new hires Angelo, Joseph, Jada, Evannie, and Catherine. Our Sloan Fire Chief Alan Wieberg and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Paul Zogaria will be training the department in both CPR and First Aid. Griffith Park Splashpad is scheduled to open on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Hours of operation will be 11:30am to 7:00pm, Monday

through Saturday. Sunday hours will be 11:30am to 4:30pm. Village ID cards will be issued at the park shelter when open. Two current forms of residency will be required (Driver's license, utility bill, report card etc.) and a small 1"x1" picture of each child must be provided. There is no cost for ID cards and they will be valid for two years.

Through the Ralph Wilson Foundation, Victory Sports has provided free sports equipment in Griffith Park. The bin is already in place and is available for everyone's use. Our partnership with the

Cheektowaga-Sloan School District to provide nutritious lunches to the community youth will begin on July 5<sup>th</sup> and conclude on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Any person under the age of 18, regardless of residency, is eligible for a free lunch but it must be consumed on-site.

We are continuing to accept orders for Memorial Walkway engraved bricks, which will be placed along a new concrete path in Griffith Park. Order forms can be found on Page 4 of this publication.

### FROM VINCENT FERRARACCIO, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

In an effort to combat Zombie properties in the Village, we partnered with County Clerk Mickey Kearns and the WNY Law Center to have a house demolished at 2331 Broadway last year. The lot has since been sold to the neighboring gas station and they are currently expanding their business. My office has now begun the process of demolition on a second Broadway property at 2123. Our attorney has completed the required Title Search and the structure has been officially condemned by myself and the Village Engineer. On July 12th, a

Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees to accept comments from any interested or vested parties.

My office has been receiving an increasing number of complaints of uncut grass this year throughout the Village. All grass, weeds and growth should never exceed 10", as stipulated in NYS Code. High growth is both unsightly and provides harborage for rodents.

As summer arrives, we want to remind our residents of some pool safety regulations. All pools capable of holding more than 24" of water

require the issuance of a building permit by the Village. This includes both blow-up and PVC pools. Although they are readily for sale by big box stores, they must meet all safety, electrical and barrier requirements as regulated by the NYS Uniform Building Code. Safety is the top priority and design controls are intended to provide protection against potential drowning. Let's work together to keep our Village an attractive, safe community to live and raise a family in!

## TRASH AND RECYCLING NEWS ...REVISITED

Several years ago, the Village of Sloan updated its Code to reflect changes in how we dispose of trash and recycling. The goal is to decrease our carbon footprint and encourage recycling of goods, eliminating items that previously would have been dumped in a landfill.

Since 2015, NYS does not allow electronic or household hazardous waste to be disposed of in a landfill. The County of Erie hosts several E-Waste and HHW events annually. For an updated list of sites, please visit [www3.erie.gov/recycling](http://www3.erie.gov/recycling). Pre-registration is necessary. As an alternative, visit the website for information on the County free voucher program available to all residents.

Our current contractor Waste Management (WM) utilizes fully automated vehicles for tote retrieval, resulting in strict adherence to the regulations. No extra bags or loose debris can be placed outside of the trash tote. If you have excess cardboard for disposal, it must be cut to no larger than 3'X3' and placed next to the recycling tote on the appropriate week.

Every December, WM mails

a pamphlet which reviews what can be recycled, holiday pickup delays, bulk items dates etc. If you are in need of an extra pamphlet, please stop at Village Hall. The pamphlet is also available on the Village website at [www.villageofsloan.org](http://www.villageofsloan.org).

WM is contracted to pick up TWO bulk items monthly from each address. Mattresses, box springs and toilets must be completely wrapped in plastic to protect the workers. Bulk items are pieces of furniture that are too large to be inside of the trash tote- such as dressers, tables, chairs etc. Carpet and padding must be cut to no longer than 4', rolled and tied/taped securely. One room of carpet (2 to 3 rolls) is considered one bulk item.

Construction material (wood, drywall, concrete, fencing, landscape timbers, brick etc.) will NOT be picked up by WM. To dispose of construction material or numerous bulk items, the WM East Side transfer station is located at 793 S. Ogden. For current hours, call (716) 823-0795. There is a cost/ton for disposal at the transfer station. An alternative is to purchase a "Bagster" from a

retail or home improvement store. Bagsters hold up to 2 tons of trash and when full, can be scheduled for pickup by contacting Waste Management directly. The cost for disposal depends on the weight of the Bagster.

Grass clippings and yard waste- bag and place in trash tote.

Christmas trees- picked up weekly in January and do not have to be bagged.

Our DPW picks up weekly- White goods (appliances) and metal items for recycling, bundled branches for mulching. No need to wait for a bulk day.

Lids of all totes should close completely to prevent rodent attraction. Lids not closed completely is a violation of both Village and Health Department regulations. If you are in need of an extra trash tote, an annual fee will be charged for the additional cost of disposal. Need an extra recycling tote? They are available for purchase and will not incur an annual fee. Any disposal questions? Contact Village Hall at (716) 897-1560.

