

# THE SLOAN CONNECTION

KEEPING OUR VILLAGE RESIDENTS INFORMED AND CONNECTED

FALL 2019

## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR FERRUCCI

Over the past several months, my fellow Board members and I have reviewed our Garbage and Recycling (Solid Waste) Program in the Village and have made some significant changes to our procedures. Additionally, our contract with Modern, Inc. for trash and recycling is expiring as of October 31st. As required, we advertised for bids to provide this service and the contract was awarded to Waste Management (WM). Each property in Sloan recently has or will receive a mailer from WM, which provides new guidelines for Solid Waste removal. The rising cost of trash disposal

and the low demand for recyclables world-wide has led to significant cost increases in the Solid Waste Program for all municipalities. After thoroughly researching Program options, we made the critical decisions to limit the pick-up of bulk items and assess an annual fee to multi-dwelling properties (those in excess of 2 units). Charging a fee to those residences that produce more trash than a one or two family is reasonable and equitable. Most changes are detailed in the enclosed article entitled "What's New in Solid Waste".

LED streetlights are coming to Sloan! During the next month, every light will be exchanged for energy-saving Light Emitting Diode fixtures. This will provide sharper, more direct lighting with less carbon emissions and a cost savings for our residents.

On behalf of my fellow Board members and Village staff, we wish you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

*Thomas Ferrucci*

Mayor

## From Eric Czubaj, Youth Recreation

Summer of 2019 may be over, but the memories made will last a lifetime. After 55 years of the Sloan pool, enjoyed by so many of our residents, we upgraded to a brand new, interactive, ADA compliant Splash Pad! To complement the Splash Pad, we installed much-needed fencing and a new concrete driveway, walkway and handball court. Next year, we will focus on other Griffith Park improvements such as the repair of fencing around the basketball and tennis courts along with some resurfacing.

Working with Victory Sports, we initiated a Sports Equipment supply box at Griffith Park, which enables all youth access to sporting equipment such as basketballs, frisbees, soccer balls and more. It has been a well-used addition to our park this summer and completely funded through the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation.

We completed our second year of providing free lunches in Griffith Park to all youth under the age of 18, regardless of residency. This program is

funded through the New York State Education Department in conjunction with our school district.

We will be opening the Youth Recreation Center on October 26th. Please watch the website for hours of operation as they may change throughout the season.

Trick-or-Treating is scheduled for October 31st, to begin with a parade from St. Andrews Church at 6:00pm. We will travel to the Community Center on Halstead, where we will distribute goodies to all in costume. House to house trick-or-treating will be until 8:00pm that evening.

## WHAT'S NEW IN SOLID WASTE?

The Village of Sloan Code, Chapter 183, has been updated to address changes in the trash and recycling program for our residents and property owners. Most impactful changes are:

1. Storage of totes: Totes can now be placed alongside your house or garage or behind your house or garage. They cannot be stored in the front of your house or business.
2. Placement at curbside: Totes can be placed out at curbside for pickup no earlier than 6:00pm the evening before a scheduled pickup and must be removed from curbside to an appropriate storage location before 9:00pm on the day of pickup.
3. Weight of totes: Maximum weight of a 95-gallon tote shall not exceed 150lbs. Maximum weight of a 65-gallon tote shall not exceed 100lbs.
4. Additional tote fees: Should an additional tote be needed, a 95-gallon trash tote shall incur an annual charge of \$200.00. A 65-gallon trash tote shall incur a \$140.00 annual charge.
5. Multiple Dwelling fees: Any property in excess of two units (residential or business) shall incur an annual charge of \$200.00 per unit over two.
6. Portable/temporary dumpsters ("Bagsters") limits: Portable/temporary bagsters shall be removed within fourteen (14) days of placement or when full, whichever occurs first.

For a full reading of the amended Chapter, please visit our website at [www.villageofsloan.org](http://www.villageofsloan.org).

Beginning in November, our service provider for the collection of solid waste will be Waste Management. In an effort to control the rising costs of service, Waste Management will only be picking up bulk items once a month, and it is limited to two items per address. Bulk items consist of furniture, mattresses, rolled/bound carpet etc. To protect the workers, mattresses/box springs must be bagged if they show any signs of contamination or infestation. The first bulk pickup with Waste Management will be on November 29th, the day after Thanksgiving. The truck that retrieves the bulk items is not the same as the tote trash truck (which is fully automated). Waste Management, for the safety of their employees, does NOT pick up trash from both sides of the street at the same time. If one side is completed, it may be 1 ½ to 2 hours before the other side is picked up.

For the past several years, we have asked residents to place their grass clippings and spring yard waste in the brown, paper lawn & leaf bags. Waste Management, being fully automated for totes, will not pick up ANY extra bags of debris outside of the tote. Therefore, all grass clippings and yard waste must be bagged and put INSIDE of the trash tote.

Waste Management utilizes fully automated vehicles, which results in stricter adherence to the regulations. No extra bags or loose debris can be placed outside of the trash or recycling totes. All totes must fully close and be appropriately placed at curbside, with arrows facing the street and wheels towards the sidewalk. The totes must be within 2' of the curb and be placed with enough room for the hydraulic lift arm to operate. If you live on the parking side of the street, please keep all totes closer to your driveway or on the driveway approach, to avoid interference from parked vehicles.

Our Highway Department will continue to pick up leaves throughout the fall as always. Leaves can be raked onto the "headland" area, between the sidewalk and curb. Highway will also continue to pick up metal items and bundled branches on a weekly basis. Christmas trees can be placed at curbside on the regular trash day until the end of January and do not have to be bagged.

The schedule of recyclable pickup will remain every other week as in the past. Recyclable items must not be contaminated with food or liquids. The list of non-acceptable items is as follows: Styrofoam,

## WHAT'S NEW IN SOLID WASTE CONTINUED...

clothing, drapery, bedding, furniture, wood, carpet, batteries, light bulbs, needles, medical waste, construction debris, food, liquids, film plastic and plastic bags. Contaminated loads of recyclables actually cost the Village money, as they need to be disposed of in a landfill instead of being a marketable product. The flyer that was mailed to each house by Waste Management details more of what is acceptable for both trash and recycling. Waste Management's customer service number is 1(800)972-4545.

## 12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE

Since 2008, the Village office staff has organized a basket raffle to benefit families in our Village. To date, over \$11,000 has been raised and distributed to those in need during the holiday season. Baskets and gift cards are graciously donated from local businesses, residents, Sloan

Fire and Highway Departments and employees. All monies raised are used to purchase gift certificates from Sloan Supermarket or Wal-Mart which are then sent to Village families. If you are interested in donating a basket or gift card, please call

Karen or Debbie at 897-1560. One sheet of 25 tickets is \$5.00 or purchase 5 sheets for \$20.00. Raffle will be available at Village Hall beginning December 9th and the drawing will be held during our Annual Christmas Program at the Sloan Fire Hall on December 22nd.

## FROM TRUSTEE JENNIFER KREGG

Spring 2019 was an exciting time in our little village! First and foremost, I'd like to thank each and every resident who came out to vote on March 19th and April 2, 2019. Your support was overwhelming! I'd also like to thank my family and friends, without whom I could not do what I do. Of course, a special thank you to my running mate and fellow Sloan Citizen's Party member, Trustee Linda

Ostempowski, who understands and shares my passion for the residents. I've been busy for the last six months. Along with serving on the Board, I've also been attending community meetings and volunteering throughout the village. In an effort to combat food insecurity, I've partnered with St. Andrew Church to bring a Free Little Pantry to Sloan, which is located at 34 Francis Street. The Pantry is open

24/7/365, to anyone in need. Take what you need and leave what you can. Non perishable donations can be left right in the pantry.

I'm committed to working with the Mayor and my fellow Board members to seek out other ways to enrich our community. Working together with you, the residents, I'm confident we can improve the quality of life for all.

## FROM TRUSTEE LINDA OSTEMPOWSKI

Hello Sloan residents. I cannot believe it has been almost seven months since the election. Time is moving very quickly.

As a new Trustee, it has been not only a learning experience, but a rewarding one. During these seven months, I have been privileged to represent the residents of Sloan at various functions. The first being Memorial Day, where we helped honor those Veterans and their families for their sacrifices.

Mayor Ferrucci and I attended the Cheektowaga Police Benevolent Service in June honoring those that served and are no longer with us. We also along with the other board members were proud to attend the Fireman's Breakfast and Service for our great Fire department. Some of you may have seen me at the Sloan Concerts in the park helping serve hot dogs and snacks. Or perhaps serving snow cones with Trustee Kregg at the Veterans Day Event in

August. I will continue to be a visible Trustee in the Village and look forward to meeting many of you in the next few years. So please do not hesitate to say hello and chat. That being said I would like to thank all the residents for their confidence and their vote. Know that I will work hard to bring about needed changes in our Village for the betterment of us all.

I look forward to working with the Mayor and fellow Trustees to a bright future for 2020 and beyond.

## FROM DEBRA M. SMITH, CLERK/TREASURER

On March 17, 2021, the Village of Sloan will be celebrating its 125th birthday! In preparation for this milestone of our community, I am looking for any historical information or documents that you would be willing to share. Especially of interest are the history of the street names- perhaps one of your ancestors owned Boll Dairy Farm, or identifiable pictures for a "before and after" comparison. Also, any information on past Mayors or "Presidents", as they once were called. Please contact me directly at Village Hall 897-1560 or by email to [sloanny@roadrunner.com](mailto:sloanny@roadrunner.com).



SLOAN'S FIRST JAIL AND OLD BRENNAN HOME WAS SOLD TO JOHN WOJTASZEK IN THE 1930' - NOW 215 - 225 MICHAEL AVENUE.

## VILLAGE OF SLOAN EVENTS

**10/31/19** Village of Sloan Halloween Parade begins at 6:00pm from St. Andrew's Church and continues to the Community Center on Halstead Avenue for the candy give away. Village ID or proof of residency will be required at the door.

**10/31/19** Trick or Treating 6:00pm-8:00pm.

**12/9/19** Basket Raffle to benefit in need Sloan families and seniors begins at Village Hall - Baskets will be on display. Tickets are \$5.00 per sheet of 25 or 5 sheets for \$20.00.

**12/22/19** Youth Christmas Party and Basket Raffle drawing at the Sloan Fire Hall, 2:00 to 4:00pm. Choral performance by TR and WW chorus and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

**3/1/2020** Soup on Sunday, 12:30pm at Fire Hall.

## ST. ANDREW'S EVENTS CALENDAR

**12/15/19** Breakfast with Santa in the Parish Hall, 9:00am to 1:00pm. \$8.00 donation for children 6 and older, \$3.00 for ages 5 and under. Buffet style breakfast, pictures, crafts, activities and more!

**12/15/19** Remembrance Tree Service at 5:00pm

**12/23/19** Advent Service at 7:00pm

**12/24/19** Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 and 10:00pm

**12/25/19** Christmas Mass at 8:00am and 11:00am

**12/31/19** Holy Day Vigil at 4:00pm

**1/1/20** Holy Day Mass at 8:00 and 11:00am

**1/19/20** Sports Night begins at 4:00pm. Please call the rectory at 892-0425 for further info.

**2/26/20** Ash Wednesday Services 8:00am & 7:00pm

## SEASONAL REMINDERS AND MORE...

**October is fire safety month...** Change your batteries in your smoke and CO detectors. Detectors more than 10 years old? It's time to replace them completely. Detectors save lives, but only if they work properly!

**Autumn colors are beautiful but the leaves must fall...**Rake leaves onto the grassy area between the curb and sidewalk but not into the street, as that leads to storm sewers being clogged.

**Daylight Savings Time** ends November 3rd at 2:00am. Turn those clocks back before bedtime and grab an extra hours' sleep!

**Hiring a snow plow contractor?** He must obtain a permit from the Village of Sloan prior to the start of work. We will verify all required insurance to protect you, our residents.

**Winter Parking Ban** goes into effect on November 15th and continues until April 1, 2020. There is no street parking between the hours of 2:00 to 7:00am.

**Parking Permits** are available at Village Hall for overnight parking in municipal lots.

**Holiday schedule for trash and recycling...**Pickup will be delayed until Friday the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.