



New Scotland-Woodlawn Neighborhood Association Meeting Thursday, October 4, 7pm, 2012

TRAFFIC IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD: ENFORCEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE - ANYTHING ELSE?

Bill Trudeau, City Traffic Safety Engineer, will discuss a long term schedule for steady enforcement along the New Scotland corridor in conjunction with a public education campaign. Mr. Trudeau will describe and provide timeframes for the upgrades at many of the intersections along New Scotland Ave. and complete signal replacement for the South Allen, South Main and Manning intersections.

Sandy Misiewicz, Senior Transportation Planner II at the Capital District Transportation Committee, will discuss what else can and can't be done to control/divert/calm and eliminate automobile traffic from our neighborhoods.

THE ALBANY LAND BANK WHAT IS IT AND CAN IT WORK IN ALBANY?

David Hogenkamp will talk about the Albany Land Bank. www.albanylandbank.org

Abandoned properties impose a huge financial and social burden on their neighbors and their city. A land bank is a public entity whose purpose is to allow a community to make intentional decisions about the use of its land — from side lot sales to neighbors to rehabbed homes to urban agriculture to assembling property for economic development. It diverts tax foreclosed properties from the auction block to a more strategic disposition process, employing powers to clear title and back taxes to help make properties viable again. Here is a recent newspaper article: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Land-bank-idea-grows-3793923.php>

CROW DISPERSAL

At the request of the City of Albany, wildlife biologists with the US Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services will be cooperatively conducting a non-lethal wildlife damage management project to disperse the fall/winter roost of American crows that typically develops within the City of Albany during October.

The program is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 22nd and will conclude on Friday, October 26th. The control methods will be employed from approximately 6:00 to 8:00pm each evening. Additional dispersal activities will begin on November 13th at 5:00pm and conclude on Thursday, November 15th at 8:00pm. The work will be repeated at 2 week intervals throughout the winter.

The non-lethal harassment methods used to disperse crows will include pyrotechnics, spotlights, non-harmful lasers, and amplified, and recorded crow distress calls. Several of these methods produce loud noises and flashing lights (similar to sirens and fireworks), that frighten birds and may be heard or observed by local residents. Biologists will be wearing uniforms and a blaze orange vest marked "USDA Wildlife Services."

Residents are strongly encouraged to place household trash in containers with lids to discourage crows from feeding. Residents may also use bright flash lights to disperse crows roosting in trees.

If you have any questions, please contact Wildlife Services at (518)477-4837.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, Oct. 13th, 10am – 5:30pm. The festival offers a variety of booths including crafts, baked goods, a "country store," and a rummage sale. Children's activities include pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, and pumpkin decorating. Homespun Occasions provides fiddle music from 1-4pm. At 5:30, our "Blue Plate Dinner" is offered to help celebrate the best of the autumn cuisine!

BACH LIBRARY WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Toddler Story Time: Stories, songs & rhymes, ages 0-3, Tues, 10:30am

Bedtime Stories: For young children and families, Weds, 7pm

After School Art: Hands-on craft projects, age 5-12, Weds, 4pm

Just for Teens: Crafts, snacks, games & more, ages 12-18, Fridays, 4pm

Check the calendar for more library activities: <http://evanced.albanypubliclibrary.org/eventcalendar.asp>

FREE PAPER SHREDDING & BOOK RECYCLING EVENT

Sponsored by the City of Albany's Department of General Services
Washington Park, Madison Ave Entrance • October 20, 2012, 1pm - 4pm
Bring your documents that need shredding and they will be shredded on site. This event is for personal papers and documents, no commercial please. Shredding services provided by 3N Document Destruction Inc., AAA certified by the National Association for Information Destruction
Additionally we will be collecting hard & soft cover books to be recycled. Books will not be shredded. More info at DGS, 434-CITY (2489), or at www.albanyrecycles.com

TIPS FROM LOREN GRUGAN, OUR NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICER: 462-8049

Door to Door Solicitors

- Ask for ID verifying the solicitor is employed by the company they claim to work for. If they don't have ID, don't give them money, ask them to leave.
- If they refuse to leave, shut the door. If they still don't leave, call 911.
- If you don't feel comfortable giving the solicitor money DON'T! Do not let anyone "guilt" you into giving them money or buying their product.
- If you've already purchased something and paid by check and no longer feel comfortable with the transaction, cancel the check as soon ASAP.
- Do not believe stories such as "I live in your neighborhood", or "My car is broken down", etc. If you don't recognize them as a neighbor, they're probably not. If their car is broken down, offer to call them a tow truck.
- Do not let them in your house! Not even to use the phone.
- Do not hire anyone who comes to your door offering to clean your house, do home improvements, etc. and definitely do not give them any money before they do any work!

***** REMINDER: SIGN UP FOR NIXLE *****

Get law enforcement updates on your phone and/or email.
www.nixle.com

For NSWNA information, call Julie Elson at 482-0981 or jelson510@earthlink.net

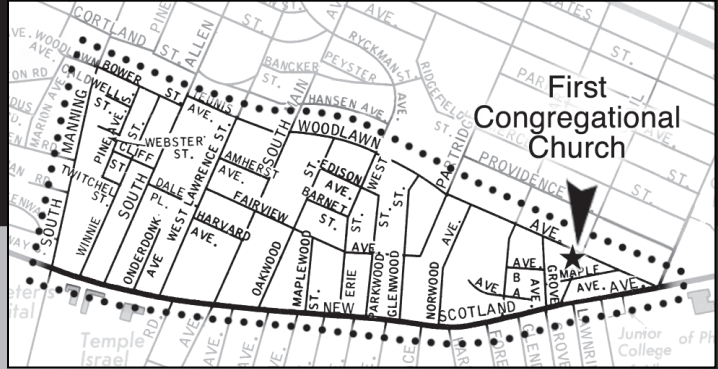
DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WEBSITE: <http://nswanaalbany.blogspot.com/>

Our neighborhood website is up and running. Check it out! Let's make it useful!
Email jelson510@earthlink.net if you have ideas for additional types of postings, etc.

New Scotland Woodlawn NA meeting location at First Congregational Church, Corner of Quail & Woodlawn

This season's meetings: October 4, December 6, February 7, April 4, June 6

The First Congregational Church, 405 Quail at the corner of Woodlawn, has again graciously opened its doors to us, so our meeting will be held in their spacious basement meeting room. The entrance is adjacent to the parking lot on Maple Ave.



Flowers :: The city is no longer supplying the neighborhood associations with summer flowers or with new tulip bulbs.

We will be replanting the tulip bulbs pulled in the spring - but we need a long range plan for the beds at Woodlawn and New Scotland on South Main. Can anyone help? Call or email Julie.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CURRENT BUSINESS MEMBERS:

Annette Mazzarello, Realtor
45 Norwood Ave. • 701-9151

Anton's - A Greek-American Eatery
577 New Scotland Ave. • 453-9191
info@antongreekrestaurant.com

Art Associates Gallery
Fine Custom Framing
76 Exchange St., Albany • 459-1307

Community Realty
255 Orange St. • 434-1840
info@yourownhome.org

Domino's Pizza
263 New Scotland Ave. • 438-3030

Elite Venture Media
2 Edison Ave #1 • 495-9393
www.eliteventuremedia.com

First Congregational Church
A Progressive & Inclusive Congregation
405 Quail Street • 482-4580
www.firstcongregationalalbany.org

Hershberg + Hershberg
18 Locust St., Albany 12203 • 459-3096
hhershberg@aol.com

Edward J. Hickling
135 Woodlawn Ave. • ejhickling@gmail.com

Paul Malecki
501 W. Lawrence • paul_malecki@yahoo.com

Maricia Realty
23 Hemlock Lane • 817-9153

Maxwell & Van Ryan, Esqs. Att'ys at Law
2 Normanskill Blvd. Delmar 12054
475-0016 • mvrlaw@aol.com

Midtown Tap and Tearoom
289 New Scotland Ave.
midtowntapandtearoom.com

Raffa's Bakery & Cafe
28 Maple Ave. • 512- 5102

Ragonese Italian Imports
409 New Scotland Ave. • 482-2358

Ritmo's Hair Salon
259 New Scotland Ave. • 489-1116

Sheehy Opticians
291 New Scotland Ave. • 482-4688
www.sheehyopticians.com

Steve Thomas Real Estate
426-7703
stevethomasrealestate@msn.com

Businesses! If you aren't listed, then your membership has lapsed. Dues are very reasonable, so please consider a renewal. Support your neighbors who support you!

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New Scotland-Woodlawn Neighborhood Association 2012/13 New Member Application

I'd like to join the New Scotland-Woodlawn Neighborhood Association! As a member I will be on the NSWNA mailing list and will be eligible to vote at annual elections. Meetings are open to all. (Please print.)

Please return to:

**New Scotland-Woodlawn
Neighborhood Association**
P.O.B. 8752, Albany NY 12208

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2012/13 Annual Dues: **Now due!**

\$15 Business/Professional

\$5 Household

Date: _____

Check # _____

I am interested in working on the following issues:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning/Code Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Flyer | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | _____ |

Dues are used for newsletter copying and mailing costs.