

LITTLE ITALY NEWS • JUNE 2007
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Historic markers for Little Italy

On Saturday, June 16, 10 am – 12 noon, Troy's Little Italy and the Hudson-Mohawk Gateway will be celebrating the installation of four historic markers to be dedicated in the South Central/Little Italy neighborhood, all within six blocks of each other! The markers are paid for by Community Development Block Grant funds awarded to the Little Italy neighborhood by the City of Troy.

The event begins at St. Mary's Church, Third & Washington St. across from Washington Park, at 10 am for the dedication of an historic marker in memory of Rev. Peter Havermans founder of St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and St. Francis de Sales parishes, the Troy Hospital (now St. Mary's), and many other important Troy institutions during his fifty-four years as pastor of St. Mary's.

The group will then proceed to 296 Fourth Street, a private residence made famous by Norman Rockwell in a painting called "The Street Will Never be the Same" for the second dedication. Several Troy inspired paintings, all Saturday Evening Post covers painted by Rockwell who was a frequent visitor to Troy, will be on display at the Gasholder.

The third historic marker will be installed on Fourth St. at the Poestenkill in recognition of the importance of the waterway as the site of mills which supplied surrounding towns with paper, lumber, flour, plaster of Paris and tanned goods from 1791 to 1962.

Finally, the group will visit the Gasholder House, an architectural gem built in 1873 on the corner of Fifth and Jefferson by the Troy Gas Light Company which operated a gas works from 1848 until 1899 in what is now The MarketPlace on Hill Street at Liberty. The fourth historic marker notes that the building was a storage facility for manufactured gas.

Following the event, consider staying in the neighborhood for lunch at one of our fine local eateries – The Red Front, Flavour Café, DeFazio's Pizzeria. Then join the crowds at The RiverFest on River Street a few blocks north. Parking for our event will be available at The MarketPlace on Hill Street between Liberty and Washington (two blocks east of St. Mary's Church). The event is free but reservations are required. Please contact The Gateway by calling 274-5267.



The Gasholder House, Fifth and Jefferson Streets, Troy, NY

Come Celebrate History

The fourth site to be honored as we celebrate neighborhood history on Saturday, June 16th is the **Gasholder House**, one of the most recognizable buildings in our city. This unique piece of architecture was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1971 and a half-elevation, half-section drawing of the building is the logo for the Society for Industrial Archeology, an organization which promotes the study and preservation of the physical survivals of technology and industrial development and change. Troy's Gasholder is considered to be one of the best preserved buildings of its kind in the country.

Once the property of Troy Gas Light Company, the gasholder house was built between 1873-1875 under the direction of Frederick A. Sabbaton, a prominent gas engineer. "The gasholder remained in operation at least until 1912 and was put out of service probably during the 1920's" according to Diana S. Waite in Gasholder House a 1977 publication of the Gateway. At the time it was constructed the neighborhood at Fifth and Jefferson was sparsely populated. The main gas plant of the company was located several blocks north of Jefferson on the one acre site in what is now The Market Place on Hill and Liberty from 1848 to 1899.

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Sage Brothers Paint Company purchased the property in 1969 using the building as a storage facility and in recent years as space for special cultural events. Their building will be open to the public on Saturday, June 16th for the celebration event.

The firm was organized in 1945 by John Sage and incorporated in 1950. His brothers Thomas and William joined the firm in the late 40's. John's wife, Alice, held the position of Secretary/Treasurer until 1994. Bill Sage the present owner began working part time and summers with his dad John while in high school and college and has worked full time since 1970. Bill's son Kevin has worked with Sage Brothers for more than ten years. Over the past fifty years the firm has painted most of the prominent buildings in Troy including the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's churches. Most recently they painted the USS Slater. Sage Brothers have close working relationships with neighborhood businesses, rent man lifts from Rob Miller's MAC Equipment on First Street and rent space on occasion to Jefferson Street neighbors Paul Carey Organ Company and Testo's Kitchens & Countertops. Their paint staff is usually ten employees but can increase to fifteen or twenty depending on the size of the paint contract. Along with their excellent reputation as paint contractors and their individual commitment to community organizations they well maintain the architectural treasure that is Troy's Gasholder House. Make Saturday, June 16th the day you finally visit this very special and unique building and

**Flea Market/ Garage Sale
at the MarketPlace on for
FlagDay Parade**

**Vendors wanted!!!
June 10, 2007
9AM to 3:30PM**

**Bring your own table, chairs
and good stuff to sell.
Tent will be provided in case of
inclement weather. \$20 a space.
Contact Marion 266-1406
or Rocco 271-1111.**

The Flag Day Parade

Troy's most enduring event, The Troy Flag Day Parade is now in its 40th continuous year and is the largest parade in the nation in honor of the American flag. The 2007 edition of the Troy Flag Day Parade takes place Sunday, June 10th with a line up of exciting attractions. The Parade steps off at 1:00pm.



Troy Little Italy Float....sort of. Look for us

celebrate our neighborhood history!

The Flag Day Float

Troy Little Italy has a float in this year's Flag day Parade. Businesses and individuals can help promote our neighborhood and **buy an advertising space for just \$20**. Call 518 272 4972 to sign up. Above is a rendering of the float. Watch for us and wave when we go by

Troy Little Italy Meets Wed., June 20, 6pm

The next South Central Neighborhood Watch and meeting of Troy Little Italy will be Wed., June 20, 233 Fourth St. at Washington St. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, especially if you have ideas or concerns regarding our community. We're a stronger, safer and more lively neighborhood this year than last year and our group efforts are being rewarded.

South Central Troy Neighborhood Watch Update

The last Neighborhood Watch Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 16 at the Freihofer's Race Headquarters. Officer McDonald provided crime statistics for the South Troy and Little Italy area: 15

Arrests and 261 calls for service for the last month in the South Troy area. The calls in the South Troy area account for 7% of the total calls for service made in the City of Troy (total calls 3,597).

We had our regular review and update of problem properties and neighborhood concerns with Officer McDonald. There has been an increase in "warmer weather" quality of life issues. These include, but are not limited to, use of firecrackers and loud home or car stereos. Please be sure to report all issues that are a concern. On May 2nd, a special detail was carried out to specifically address loud car stereos and 9 tickets were issued in our neighborhood.

All residents should have an understanding of the City's Abatement of Public Nuisances Ordinance. Details can be found online at www.troyny.gov, under Code Enforcement, Chapters 201 - 205. The general idea of this ordinance is that a property owner is assigned specific points for nuisance violations and an accumulation of these points over a period of time can result in the building being closed.

We have seen many positive changes and problem buildings addressed by Code Enforcement and Officer McDonald. Several buildings in our area have been shut down due to over-occupancy and code violations. Additionally, DPW has been quick to respond to calls for garbage removal. We owe all of them a thank you. The residents of South Troy are truly "on watch" and at every meeting, we see progress.

If you want to receive regular updates through email and get crime alerts, contact sc Troywatch@gmail.com. The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be on June 20 at 6:00 at the Freihofer's Race Headquarters at the corner of 4th and Washington. We will have a special information session on Sexual Predators.

Identity Theft, It Can Happen To You

What is identity theft? According to the Federal Trade Commissions Identity Theft Survey Report, approximately 10 million American consumers discovered that their personal information had been used to open fraudulent bank, credit card, or utility accounts, or used to commit other crimes. The web site www.idtheft.com reports the following information.

Neighborhood watch, con'd.

“More than 50 percent of identity theft victims were the victims of credit card and other types of account fraud. New account fraud, where an ID thief opens up new accounts in your name, and other frauds were estimated to have victimized 3.23 million people.

Approximately 28 percent of identity theft victims whose theft experience involved the misuse of an existing credit card said that their credit cards had either been lost or stolen.

The total loss to business and individual victims for all types of reported identity theft, both new account and existing account frauds, is almost \$53 billion dollars annually.

Americans spent 300 million hours resolving issues related to identity theft. Between individual and business identity theft victims, an average of 30 - 60 hours per victim was spent on handling various matters related to identity theft including new accounts, existing account and other frauds.“

What can you do to protect yourself?

- Always shred personal papers, especially pre-approved credit applications.
- Beware of Dumpster Divers!! Do not throw away anything that someone could use to become you.
- Watch out for Shoulder Surfers at the ATM. They are looking for your pin number
- Have checks delivered to your bank, NOT your home
- Do Not leave mail outside for your postal carrier to pick up at your house.
- Do Not carry Social Security cards around in your wallet or purse.
- Check your credit report annually to make sure it is in order. Check it immediately if you have lost important documentation.

Help Resources

Emergencies	911
Traffic Safety	270-5157
Non-Emergencies	270-4411
Downtown Station	270-4421
North Station	237-2398
South Station	273-1682
Community Police	270-4689
Special Operations	270-5854
Animal Control	270-4640
Tip Line, Anonymous	270-5004
Detective Unit	270-4426

South Central and Little Italy In The News

Articles in **The Record**

May 2, 2007, Celebrating Labor. History In Troy, photos by Mike McMahon, p.8, ‘Hudson Mohawk may day celebration held in the marketplace.’

April 29, 2007, p. 7. Event Breathes New Life Into Little Italy by Danielle Sanzone. ‘Neighbors and friends gather for a MarketFest in Troy’s Little Italy. The festival included kid’s rides, a mini-circus, antiques and delicious Italian food.’

Daily Historian photos:

May 17, 2007, p16, 1949 Sam Valenti at Billy Rose’s Diamond Horseshoe in Paramount Hotel, (NYC) submitted by Susan Furlong.

May 10, 2007, p16, 1946 Sam Valenti’s graduation photo from LaSalle Institute submitted by Susan Furlong.

May 8, 2007, p16, 1945 Suen sisters, Amelia, Ceil, Mary, and Bidia and friend Mary Marchonie on Fifth Avenue, submitted by Gail Bizzarro

May 8, 2007, p14, 1928 Dominick Campana, Troy Police Officer, submitted by Nancy Hill Bonesteel.

Metroland, May 17-23, 2007, p24 1840 Frescos in Troy by Ann Morrow. Interview with Washington Place property owner Sandy Vardine and one of her tenants, gifted fresco artist Cindy Alexander (one of only six buon fresco artists in the country). A building in the Greek Revival row on Washington Park contains several 1840 buon fresco panels that form a coffered ceiling which Alexander is restoring.

Happy 100th Prospect Park

This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of Prospect Park. The May 15, 2007 issue of The Historian is devoted to the history of our grand old park. Troy residents have always enjoyed good times in this beautiful green space but there are special memories of those who lived in the neighborhoods adjoining the parkland including those who grew up in Troy’s Little Italy. A schedule of summer and fall events has been announced that will please local residents, beginning with the exhibit at the Rensselaer County Historical Society which runs through September 15, 2007, concert series in the park (July 31, August 7, 14 and 21), the Citywide park bike tour (June 9), Summer Soiree (June 14), 100 Years of Tennis Fashion (August 4), and Historic Walking Tour (September 15). Celebrate this terrific green space adjoining our neighborhood and recapture

some wonderful memories. For further information, www.rchsonline.org or call 272-7232, Ext.15.

NYSERDA Services Available to Little Italy Residents and Businesses

If you’re interested in reducing your heating and electricity bills, tap into the resources available through the New York Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Energy\$mart Program. NYSERDA offers a wide range of services, incentives, and low interest loans to give you the tools you need to reduce your energy bills.

These services have been already paid by you through the System Benefits Charge, which has been collected through your electric bill since 1998. A number of downtown Troy businesses and residents have taken advantage of NYSERDA programs to cut back on energy costs.

Ed Smyth of RLW Analytics, 48 4th Street, is authorized by NYSERDA to provide the Small Commercial Audit Program and Commercial Kitchens Pilot. These programs are funded by NYSERDA. RLW is currently providing the NYSERDA energy assessments for the building and food service equipment for the new Troy Food Co-op being developed inside the old Pioneer Supermarket on Congress Street between 3rd and 4th Street, and to help the Troy Albany Youth Hockey Association with its improvements in the Frear Park Ice Arena.

Business owners in Little Italy, as well throughout Troy, are invited to reach RLW for these services at 266-9360, or ed@rlw.com. Information for apartment building owners and residential electric customers are available at www.getenergysmart.org. You can also learn about NYSERDA programs at www.nyserda.org, or by calling at 1-866-NYSERDA.

Troy Food Coop Need You

Do you like to shop in the ‘natural’ aisle of the supermarket? The **Troy Food Coop** is coming soon to Congress Street between Third and Fourth Streets in Downtown Troy, NY. Its happening this Fall, 2007. Tell a friend and for more information see www.troyfoodcoop.com. Wholesome food, affordable prices, cooperatively owned, JOIN TODAY.

Capital District Local First

Capital District Local First is a network of independent, locally owned small businesses in New York State's Capital District. The goal is to encourage consumers to buy from and bank with locally owned businesses. The kick-off event for C.D.L.F. was led by Michael Shuman, author of "The Small-Mart Revolution: How Local Businesses are Beating the Global Competition" in conjunction with the screening of the film "Independent America".

Capital District Local First aims to become a member of BALLE, the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies. BALLE is an international alliance with 40+ independently operated local business networks with more than 12,000 members. The overall goals of BALLE and its members is to accomplish the following:

- run "buy local/bank local" campaigns
- offer networking opportunities for local businesses
- foster business development cross a range of neighborhoods and ethnic groups
- provide educational opportunities for businesses that want to learn about "triple bottom line" best practices (profitability, social responsibility, and environmental stewardship).

Call Karen Schlesinger at Digital Artist's Space at 203-1096 or email at karen@digitalartistspace.com for further information.

Sanctuary for Independent Media

The Sanctuary for Independent Media presents:

Deep Listening Convergence on Friday, June 8, 2007, at 8 PM featuring 45 performing artists from around the world, a project by Pauline Oliveros, founder and president of Deep Listening Institute.

Kahil El'Zabar and Billy Bang Duet on Saturday, June 9, 2007, at 8 PM featuring Kahil El'Zabar on percussion and Billy Bang on violin. Admission for the all-ages show is \$10. Call (518) 272-2390, email info@TheSanctuaryForIndependentMedia.org, or visit www.TheSanctuaryForIndependentMedia.org for directions and more information, located at 3361 6th Avenue in north Troy.

Martinez Gallery Celebrates Bloomsday

On Saturday, June 16, Martinez Gallery will celebrate Bloomsday from 6 to 8:30 pm with readings from James Joyce's novel **Ulysses** and other rowdy activities. Bloomsday is the day in **Ulysses** when the central character, Leopold Bloom, goes wandering around Dublin. **Ulysses** is, basically, the story about that day, June 16. People the world over celebrate it because, for some, **Ulysses** is the most important novel in the 20th century. In NYC, several places have famous and not so famous people read the whole book out loud and it usually takes 38 hours!. Martinez Gallery will be doing only selections in this, its second year, of formal celebration. If you wish to be a reader, call Laudelina Martinez at 518-274-9377, 3 Broadway, Troy, NY.

Troy Landlord Training June 20

The next session of the Troy Landlord Training program will be Wednesday, June 20 at 5:30 – 9:30 PM at the Heffner Alumni House. Registration is required by calling the TRIP NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center at 690-0020.

This free program helps landlords or potential landlords employ good rental management practices and build partnerships with neighbors, city officials, and others. Speakers include Community Police officers, Code Enforcement officials, RPI representative, TRIP's Rental Director, and more. 684 people have attended since the program began 5 years ago and were very enthusiastic about the useful information they received. Thanks to all who helped to create, provide or promote this terrific program.

Exhibit at Digital Artists Space

Digital Artist's Space will be holding a Digital Darkroom Workshop on June 23rd & 24th. This workshop will cover the basics tone and color correction of digital files in Photoshop, basic retouching and restoration, color management, workflow and image organization, scanning, printing and how to work with Camera Raw files from your digital camera. Registration deadline is June 15th. More info: www.digitalartistspace.com or 203-1096.

Reception for Digital Artist's Space's current exhibition "Mission Accomplished: Contemporary Political Art" will be held on Friday, June 29th from 5 – 9 PM, in conjunction with Troy Night Out.

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Italian Community Center Events

1450 Fifth Avenue, Troy, NY. , 518-274-0508.

There's a Ziti & Meatball Fundraiser on **Thursday, June 7**, for John Canfield's family. This event is to help with some of the medical bills.

Sunday, June 10, is the Flag Day Festa, immediately following the parade from 3pm - 9pm. There will be kids rides and great food!

Saturday, June 16, is the Market Gang Reunion party. Call for reservations.

The Children's Museum of Science and Technology

Are you looking for something to do with the kids as summer approaches? Visit the Children's Museum of Science and Technology (CMOST), 250 Jordan Road (in Rensselaer Technology Park) Troy, New York. Call 518-235-2120 or go to www.cmost.com, info@cmost.org to get details. All children must be accompanied by an adult while visiting

Troy Night Out
June 29 • 5-9PM
DOWNTOWN TROY
& LITTLE ITALY

Children's Museum, con'd.

CMOST. Here's the schedule for special programs in June.

Saturday, June 9, Festival of Flight, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Spend the day discovering the science of how things go up, explore our world and the universe and imagine how they come safely back to earth.

Mon., June 11, Homeschool Family Program, 1:00 PM, Turning the Tides Take an in-depth look at the Hudson River watershed through hands-on scientific investigation. Join us for an introduction to the Hudson River and its ecology through an interactive presentation on the science, stewardship and history of the river. Participants will investigate streams first hand using field equipment to monitor the water's health. During this 2 hour program, students will learn and collect data on water quality and the different species of organism living in the water. Ages 10-14. (\$6 per child, Pre-registration is required by June 8th.)

Saturday, June 16, Water Olympics 12:30 PM. Is water sticky? It may not be to you, but in the world of an atom, water sticks together like glue. In this workshop participants will do some fun and simple experiments to test the strength of water molecules and discover some fascinating properties of H₂O. Plan for a good time and leave with a better understanding of the physical world. Ages 5+. (Pre-registration is required. Session is limited to 20 participants. Free for CMOST members, \$2.00 for non-members.)

Saturday, June 23, It's a Gas, 1:00 PM. Solids are slow, liquids flow & gas is fast! Come and harness the "power" of gas, create a fizzy drink, blow up a balloon and make a fountain out of regular old soda! This workshop will be a blast! Ages 7+. (Pre-registration is required. Session is limited to 20 participants. Free for CMOST members, \$2.00 for Non-Members.)

Monday, June 25, CMOST Summer Camp Begins. Pre-registration is required. For information on all of CMOST summer camps visit our web site at www.CMOST.org.

Troy*Yoga on Monday Nights

Troy*Yoga drop-in classes will be held, 6-7:15pm at Christ Church United Methodist. The building is a

stone church with a red door, located at 35 State Street on corner of Fifth in downtown Troy. Classes are only \$10 and include breathing exercises, classical yoga poses, and a deep relaxation. Beginners and advanced students are welcome. Please bring a mat and a yoga strap or long scarf (if you have one). For more information go to www.troy-yoga.com or e-mail joely@troy-yoga.com.

Little Italy Couple To Wed

Joely Johnson and Ola Mork of 4th Street in Little Italy are happy to announce their engagement to be married. Joely works for the New York State Nurses Association in Latham as assistant director of communications and is also a certified yoga instructor. Ola is a software engineer for Agora Games, located in downtown Troy. The couple is planning a country wedding at a friend's farm in rural Pennsylvania, set for this September.

Real Estate for Sale or Rent

1 Family			
160 2nd St.	\$295,000	Tom	
391-2494			
512 Washington	\$149,900	Laurie	
690-0510			
29 Jefferson	\$79,900	Joseph	
286-2903			
2 Family			
282 4th Street	\$94,800	Virginia	
640-4520			
1116 5th Avenue	\$100,000	Kareem	
542-3506			
65 Hill Street	\$117,900	William	
331-4755			
294-96 3rd St.	\$119,900	John	
798-2819			
69 Ida Street	\$164,900	Anne	
424-4099			
Multi Units			
144 Hill Street	\$72,000	Bill	
577-7798			
319 4th Street	\$129,000	Jim	
588-6755			
177 4th Street	\$239,900	Barbara	
424-5291			
183 3rd Street	\$249,000	Patricia	
229-5800			
148 3rd Street	\$77,500	Leon	
Commercial			
6 Franklin Place	\$159,000	Jim	
588-6755			

Rentals

Student rentals, furnished and all utilities included, \$400 . Call Marion 266-1406.

Worship in Little Italy

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third & Washington Sts. Troy, NY 12180

Weekend Masses: Sat. 4pm. Sun. 10am, Weekday Masses: Tues., Thurs., Fri 9am, Soup Kitchen: Wed & Thurs, 4-5, ongoing. Volunteers needed.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Corner of 1st and Liberty Street, Sunday services at 8 & 10am., The Basement Thrift Shop: Wed. & Sat., 9am– Noon, on-going. Vacation Bible School, June 25-28, 9am to noon, all ages call 274 5884 for info.

St. Anthony of Padua Shrine Church

28 State Street Troy NY 12180.

Weekend Masses: Sat., 4:30pm. Sun. 9am, 10 am

(Spanish), 12 & 5:30pm

Weekday Masses: Mon. — Thurs.

7:15am & 12 pm

St. Ann's Maronite, 184 Fourth Street

Mass: Saturday 4pm. (except 1st Sat. of month). Sunday 11am.

Beth Tephtilah Synagogue, 82 River Street, Saturday 10am.

Congregation Berith Sholom, 167 Third Street , Friday Service 7:30 p.m.

United Ordained Church of Christ

Sunday: 10am Sunday School, 11am. Worship, Wednesday: 6:30

p.m. Bible Class

Redemption Church

Liberty & First Street, meets in St.

John's Episcopal Gym. Sunday

School 10:30am, Worship 12:30pm, Wednesday and Friday worship 7pm.

Language Learning Institute

Learn and study Italian, classes forming, call Nancy Scarselletta, 518 3446 7096, or email nscarselletta@nycap.rr.com.

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program for Pets

You may be eligible for low cost neuter/spay services for the family pet. Offered through the NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets, call 518 457 3502.

Celebrating Our History

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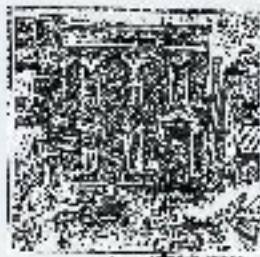
Join us on Saturday, June 16, 2017 10 am - 12 noon

1806-1897

REV. PETER HAYFMANN
FATHER OF TROY'S CATHOLIC
"INSTITUTIONS". FOUNDER OF
ST. MARY'S CHURCH AND TROY'S
FIRST HOSPITAL. PASTOR,
EDUCATOR AND SOCIAL ACTIVIST



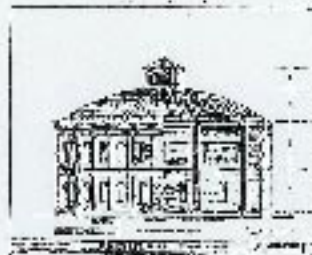
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