

LITTLE ITALY NEWS • MAY 2006

LITTLE ITALY TO RECEIVE CBDG GRANT FOR \$35,000.

The Troy City Council has voted to allocate \$35K of Community Development Block Grant Funds received from Federal sources to the Little Italy neighborhood of Troy. Funds will pay for improvements to the Market site and Liberty Park as well as design and installation of historic and informational signage. Also planned is a revolving fund for stabilization of dilapidated properties awaiting IN REM sale. CBDG funds should become available for use in the late summer.

GET THE CITY'S HELP TO PAINT YOUR PLACE!

The City of Troy is offering the Homeowner Self Help Exterior Paint Program to help qualified low-moderate income homeowners maintain their homes by paying for exterior painting materials and supplies. The homeowner must arrange to do the exterior painting work, which must be completed for inspection in late September. Visit <http://www.troyny.gov/home/paintprogram.html> for application forms, which are due by May 15 for the first round. Applications submitted between May 15 and June 15 will be considered for the fall.

LITTLE ITALY INFORMATION SURVEY

You will find a short survey included with this issue of the Little Italy News. It's purpose is to gather general and current information about people who live in Little Italy. It will supply Friends of Little Italy with a demographic picture of the local Community. This is important information which can be used in future efforts to apply for grants and funds available for improvements to Little Italy. The survey also asks what people would like to see in this newsletter. Please complete and return it to Flavour Cafe as soon as you can. If you get the LIN via email and live in an area you consider to be Little Italy, you can print your then submit it. Thank you for your help.

NEW BUSINESS ON FOURTH STREET

Congratulations and welcome to new business owner Jessica Chance doing business as Jessica's Dream, a hair salon recently opened at 311 Fourth Street. The site has a long history as a business property and was at one time the location for Hansen's Grocery, Schneider's Bakery, Crystal Bakery and most recently home of the Style Hut Salon which moved last year to 261 Third Street. Both the Crystal Bakery and Style Hut were each in business over twenty years each at 311. Jessica picked a good location! May she have many good years on Fourth. Street.

Believe half of what you see and none of what you hear.

American proverb

SUMMER DAY CAMP FUND DRIVE

Our good neighbor, The Troy Youth Association (CYO Center), is again sponsoring its annual fund drive for support of the Agency's Summer Day Camp. The Fund Drive has set its goal of \$10,000 and will continue through May and June. Please be as generous as you can with donations to enable the agency to offer camps and scholarships to kids that can least afford them. Donations can be sent to Troy Youth Association, Inc. (CYO Center), PO Box 86, 235 Fourth Street, Troy, NY 12181, .

WATCH FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A **neighborhood watch program** is forming, with the next meeting Wed., May 17, 6PM at 233 4th St. We're looking for people to join in reporting all incidents of the following problems: litter and garbage in lots, alleys and backyards. Abandoned vehicles, derelict houses and garages, rats, barking or vicious dogs and building code violations. We can work together with the City, community police and neighbors to make our blocks a better place to live. Call Marion Field at 518 2661406 for information.



Coming soon to Fourth Street.

SPRING STREETSCAPE UPGRADE

New trash cans, the attractive, green type like those in use on Broadway, will find their way to 4th St. You'll also see new large, hexagonal concrete planters like the ones at the Italian Market site. Loads of gravel, topsoil and mulch have been delivered for distribution to the planter and tree-wells in the area. If you want a planter in front of your house or business, call 518 272 4972. There's no charge. Here's a big, big word of thanks to the City of Troy for these improvements.

TROY WATERFRONT FARMERS MARKET

TWFM moves to its summer site this month, offering fresh produce, flowers and uniquely crafted items. Saturdays, Hedley Park Place,

north of the Green Island Bridge, 9AM-1PM, <http://www.troymarket.org>.

JOSEPH'S HOUSE TO COMPLETE FULL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Joseph's House, a not-for-profit charitable group, seeks to develop commercial property at 201 4th St. into a 16 units of housing. At a recent Planning Commission Meeting they were directed by the City to produce an environmental impact statement investigating if toxins from former building uses remain on the site. Their study must also state the effect of their enterprise upon businesses and residents within the vicinity as well as how their proposal complies with Troy's 2000 Five Year Consolidated Plan, a tool the City uses for planning its development. No deadline for completion of this study was stated at the public hearing.

CRIME VICTIMS, FIND HELP THROUGH THESE CONTACTS

Crime victims, you have rights. Report all crime including theft, domestic violence, drug trafficking, rape, stalking or any other abuse of your rights. There IS help for you. Resources include:
Troy Police 518 270 4780
NY State Police 1800 3424357
Community Police 518 270 4789
Drug Hot Line 518 270 5004
Domestic Violence 1800 942 6909
Rape/Sexual Violence 1800 656 4673
<http://www.crime/victims.gov>

LITTLE ITALY IN THE NEWS

Compiled by Mike Esposito

Comment Appreciated, by Lynn Kopka, *The Record*, May 4, 2006, Pulse of the People, p.12, responds to positive comment in a recent "Sound Off" call regarding neighborhood groups. In summary, "The underlying goal of Troy's neighborhood groups is the improvement of the city even though their individual interests may vary". Washington Park, Little Italy and the Pottery District are specifically mentioned but all groups work to promote Troy.

Tutunjian signs petition, by James V. Franco *The Record*, April 28, 2006, p.4 Article regarding the online petition 'Develop Don't Destroy Troy' which urges the mayor to stabilize rather than demolish buildings.

Courts taking their course, by Tom Killips, *The Record*, April 28, p.3. Photo of bocce court area in The Market Place after dedication.

Demolition drive sparks a backlash, by Tim O'Brien, *Times Union*, April 27, 2006. Several buildings in South Central and Little Italy sited as examples of those preserved or demolished by city administration in code compliance effort.

Beautiful, bountiful bowls benefit Little Italy, by Steven S. Couse, *The Record*, April 27, 2007, p.11. Members of local arts groups meet to create beautiful bowls for Little Italy fund raiser.

Big fight heats up in Little Italy, by William M. Dowd, *Times Union*, April 25, 2006, p. B3-4, "Joseph's House/Little Italy situation mirrors a point reached in our society that needs fixing" says Dowd. He suggests that an honest debate on pros and cons is needed

There's a jewel in Little Italy, by Mike Esposito, *The Record*, Troy Treasures, April 23, 2006, p11. The great good places to eat in South Central and Little Italy, both past and present



Sen. Hillary Clinton with Charlie Staats and Joey Mancino of Flavour Cafe

Clinton makes stop in Troy, by Katheryn Caggianelli, *The Record*, April 21, 2006, p5. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton returns to South Central Troy to visit DeFazio's, Flavour Cafe and get an update on Little Italy

Facts about Fourth, by Mike Esposito, *The Record*, Pulse of the People, April 12, 2006, p14. Comments on setting the record straight regarding the loss of businesses on Fourth Street.

Taste of Little Italy, by Steven S. Couse, *The Record*, April 11, 2006, p8. Food fest planned to raise funds for bocce court, market place and other Little Italy beautification projects.

Campana Man of the Year, *The Record*, April 8, 2006, p.7. Clement "Chappy" Campana was honored by the Troy Youth Association (CYO) as "Man of the Year" for his dedication to the Center's programs as a 12 year basketball coach volunteer and agency board member. Chappy's efforts for the youth of the South Troy neighborhoods goes back to 1982 when he was a board member, volunteer coach and recreation leader with the South Troy Community Center. A reception and award ceremony was held at the Italian Community Center on April 13.

TROY MAKES THE NY TIMES

The April 7, 2006, issue of the New York Times contained a very favorable article regarding Troy entitled "Where the finest antiques can't be bought" by Fred A. Bernstein. Often we take for granted all the best our city has to offer and may not do a good enough job of promoting Troy which led the author to make the comment "has there ever been a case of less effective civic advertising?" Ouch! So while we are "enjoying Troy" let's spread the word and help market our historic city!

SUPPORT TROY'S THE FLAG DAY PARADE

There is no other event in Troy that attracts more people than the annual Flag Day Parade and what a day for our neighborhood to shine! The parade route, Fourth Street from South Troy through the historic Osgood, Little Italy and Pottery District neighborhoods is a terrific opportunity for tens of thousands of people to experience the hospitality of our city. The tribute to Old Glory on Sunday, June 11 beginning at 1PM, was organized thirty nine years ago by our own Jimmy Pasinella, postal carrier and former Marine who was disturbed by displays of disrespect for the flag.

The event takes a great deal of planning by volunteers. People are needed to help. Money is needed to finance the event. Join with your neighbors to support this great event. Donations are being accepted by *The Record*, 501 Broadway.

Don Russell owner of The Irish Mist is once again lending his support by organizing a fund raiser, the Duck Derby. Donate \$5 to "sponsor" a brightly colored rubber duck, then watch hundreds float down the Poestenkill (from Fourth to Second) to the finish line at The Irish Mist. Don will be right behind the ducks sloshing around in the "Kill" to make sure that each duck has a chance to finish! The Duck Derby will be held on Sunday, June 4 at 3 PM. Sponsor sign up sheets will be available at local businesses. Last year over \$4,000 was raised for the parade. Watch for additional details over the next few weeks.

FRIENDS OF LITTLE ITALY WISH LIST

Pro bono attorney to aid in Little Italy's quest for 501c3 status. mvf406@aol.com
Financial Sponsors for this Newsletter, both business and individual. mvf1406@aol.com
Gardeners to work in public gardens maintain planters and clean the streetscape. allblues@verizon.net
Flag Day Parade Volunteers, call Joey at 518-266-9253 to help with LITTLE Italy Float and other events.

RIVER STREET FESTIVAL

Neighborhood, community and religious groups may still sign-up to for a free table at the 3rd Annual River Street Fest, Sat. June 17, in downtown Troy. Go to <http://www.troyny.gov>, "Events" listing or call 518-273-4532 for info. Registration ends in early May.

TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

100 Second Street, Troy. 518-274-7071.
Family Storytime, free, ongoing until 8/6/6 for children up to age 5, parents and caregivers. Storytime includes stories, rhymes, songs, activities and simple crafts and is offered each Thursday at 10:30AM..

TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S BOOKSTORE BARGAINS

The Book Cellar, the bookstore organized and maintained by The Friends of the Troy Public Library stocks gently used books at moderate prices. Popular fiction, mysteries, science fiction, romance and classics, as well as non-fiction – cookbooks, gardening, biographies and books on other subjects are available. Library tote bags, T-shirts, mugs, and note cards are also sold. Hours are Wed. and the first Saturday of the month, 10AM–2PM.

BUSINESS LONGEVITY

The following Fourth Street businesses, both present and past, have attained enviable records for their years in business serving the residents of Troy's Little Italy at various times since 1915 offering a variety of goods and services. (The street number follows the name of each business).

50 years and more:

Troy Pork Store, (158), Mangione's Locksmith, (187), Imperial Wine & Liquor, (199), Ehrlich's Supply Co. Auto Parts, (202), Sheeran's Printers, (227), Bottillo's Barber Shop, (236), DeFazio's Imports, (264), Dichian's (Mgurdichian's) Meat Market, (300)

40 to 49 years:

Williams Pawnshop, (163), Mancini Funeral Home, (168), Pelcher's Tailor, (181), Anthony Matera Funeral Home, (290)

30 to 39 years:

Masher & Co. Prepackaged Vegetables, (214), Troy Photo Service, (219), DeMaria's Grocery & Meats, (229), Rocky's Luncheonette, (235), Martone's Barber Shop, (252), Esposito's Grocery, (261), Fulton Fish Market, (266), Merola's Bakery, (293), John Clinton Funeral Home, (294) -still in business on Washington Street, Pasinella's Grocery, (321)

20 to 29 years:

Mancini Travel Agency, (159), Isaac Muffson Pawnshop, (163), Kreiss Coal & Wood, (167), Yetts News Room, (177), William Miller Shoe Repair, (188), Nugent & Powell Fruits and Vegetables, (214), Testo's Grocery, (215), Casale's Tavern, (217), LaSalle Cleaners, (228), Lanzillo's Grocery, (251), Crystal Bakery, (311), Style Hut Beauty Salon, (311), Palladino's Barber Shop, (314), Gina's Styling Salon, (314)

Eighteen of the thirty-two former business storefronts have been converted to apartments; fourteen remain business addresses including Troy Pork Store, Mangione's Locksmith, Sheeran's Printers and DeFazio Imports.

CAPITAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY GARDENS

<http://www.info@cdcg.org>, 518 274 8685.

Tuesday, May 9, 5:30PM, 40 River St., at CDCG office, "Gardening Basics", basic gardening info for a successful growing season. Classes are free for gardeners and \$5. for the general public but registration is required.

Saturday, May 20, Plant Sale, 9AM-2PM 295 8th St. Community Garden (1 block south of Hoosick St./Rte 7). You pick 'em, we dig 'em. Great selection of plants. All proceeds benefit CDCG's urban greening and gardening programs.

HISTORIC TOURS

Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway issued

their 2006 tour guide this week. Look for copies around town! Since tours are popular please sign up early for those you find interesting. A sampling of tours for 2006 follows:

Troy's Little Italy Neighborhood will be the subject of a two hour tour beginning at 10AM on Saturday, July 15. We agree with the description that Little Italy is "the newest and hottest of Troy's resurgent neighborhoods".

On July 22, renowned author and rail historian, Jim Shaughnessey, will give a two and one-half hour tour beginning at 10AM on **Railroad Lines Radiating Out of Troy**. Always sold out, the **Troy Tiffany Treasures** tour scheduled for September 16, a three hour tour beginning at 1PM. Register early! Contact the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway, Burden Iron Works Museum, One East Industrial Parkway, Troy, NY 12180-5942, (518) 274-5267.

RENSSELAER COUNTY HISTORIC SOCIETY

57 Second St., Troy, NY 12180
518 272 7232, <http://www.rchsonline.org>

RCHS Preservation Weekend 2006: Cemeteries

May 12 - Stone Strategies: Documentation and conservation of historic cemeteries workshop.

May 13 - Rensselaer County History Day: Discovering Rensselaer County cemeteries.

May 15 - Bus Trip to Mount Auburn Cemetery, Boston, MA

MICHELLE'S FLOWER DESIGNS

When your walking in the Little Italy neighborhood, be on the look out for Denise and Mark Schrom pushing a stroller and showing off their new son, Nicholas. Denise is the proud owner of **Michele's Flower Designs** located at 299 Fourth St. She can help you with weddings, balloons, funerals, fresh and silk arrangements. Stop in and say hello.

THE TROY QUILT

The Troy Fiber Arts Group will celebrate the completion of their Troy Quilt project on Wed., May 10th at 12PM on the first floor of City Hall with Mayor Harry Tutunjian in attendance. The Quilt is a king-sized and made from digital photographs of Troy's architecture. It's embellished with embroidery, dyed fabric, beading, quilting and many other techniques. Refreshments will be served. Troy Quilt will be on display at City Hall, then travel to the Pruyn House, the Arts Center of the Capital Region, the Historical Society, Russell Sage College, RPI, the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Wiawaka Holiday House and Christ Church United Methodist, Troy. For information or if you're interested in attending a Troy Fiber Arts Group meeting, email Val Peterson or Gretchen Mortonat tfag@christchurchtroy.org.

THE HEART OF SUCCESS

By Ryan Naylor

We all wish to succeed. As far as getting to that point, most are afraid or don't want to be bothered. But we all want the experience of what success brings. So how do you experience this experience? There are two vital steps that will immediately bring results.

Get and Give. Getting/asking for help. And giving help. But these two actions must come from the heart. If not, you will experience suck-cess. That is why they are the heart of success.

All things good in life come from a source, a beginning. And YOU are that beginning. Everything begins and ends with you. You are the decision maker and re-maker. It also helps if you know what it is you wish to experience and not just do. As in, 'What do you want to do in life?' You'll get more clarity if you asked yourself, 'What do I wish to experience in life?' That opens up a new way of thinking and approaching your desired outcome.

Learn to give yourself time, practice and patience. After all, how can you give something unless you have it. Frustration becomes a part of our life when we do otherwise. It's hell. Not fun. And certainly not what we desire. But we think its a short cut, this giving before we have. Its more like a short fuse resulting to a hot head and cold heart. A quick remedy is simply stop being that way. No self imposed punishment. Just stop. And move on. Gather up your things, what you've learned and move on. We may only have one life, but it comes with an unlimited amount of uses and experiences.

Ed. Note: The statement above was submitted by a reader. You, our readers, are encouraged to send us your written works for inclusion in the LIN. We will make every attempt to publish appropriate material.

THE FRIENDS OF LITTLE ITALY MISSION STATEMENT

The Friends of Little Italy (FOLI) is a volunteer grass roots non-profit organization whose purpose is to develop and maintain a healthy and vibrant community in the south side of Troy, New York. As residents and businesspeople we believe that the strength of our past and diversity in people, cultures and businesses will enable us to make Little Italy a destination point to which people will come to live, work and visit.

Our goals are to establish Little Italy as a ethnic tourism destination, restore Troy's historic marketplace, make our community safe to work, visit and live, increase the number of commercial spaces in our designated area and to make it clean and attractive.

OAKWOOD CEMETERY PROGRAMS - LET ME TELLYA BOUT THE BIRDS AND THE BEES AND THE FLOWERS AND THE TREES...

Oakwood Avenue, 518 272 7521, <http://www.oakwoodcemetery.org>.

Join birder Dick Patrick, 5/13/6 on a tour for beginners and those more experienced. Wear sturdy shoes and bring binoculars; meet at the bell beyond the chapel. Oakwood Avenue, 8-10 AM, \$12.00.

Wildflowers and Waterfalls

Tour with naturalist Bob Ingalls, 5/20/6, wear sturdy shoes and meet at the bell beyond the chapel. 9-11AM, \$12.00

KISS MY BASS

First prize is \$1,000 for the largest striped bass, second prize \$650 and third prize \$350 caught out of the Hudson between 200 feet south of the Troy-Menands Bridge and the dam between Troy and Green Island. Register at the Ale House on River Street; party to follow for fishers and non-fishers.: Downtown Troy
7AM-4PM \$35.00 entry fee. Sponsored by Troy City Hall, 518-270-4541/

SANCTUARY FOR INDEPENDANT MEDIA

3361 6th Ave, Troy, NY at 101st, where 6th Ave. turns into 5th Ave., 518 272-2390.
<http://www.thesanctuaryforindependentmedia.org>

Tue. 5/2 The Beehive Design Collective

Thu. 5/4 The African Film Festival: "DÛÏË" ("Dollar") w/ "Africans poids moyens" ("African Middleweights")

Wed 5/10 Culture (at The Egg, 7:30 PM show)

Thu. 5/11 The African Film Festival: "Le ballon d'or" ("The Golden Ball") w/ "Be Kunko" ("Everybody's Problem")

Wed. 5/15 Creative improv w/ David Dove of the Deep Listening Institute and Chris Cogburn

Thu. 5/18 The African Film Festival: "Niiwam" w/ "Safi La Petite Mere" ("Safi the Little Mother")

Thu. 5/25 The African Film Festival: "Malentendu Colonial" ("The Colonial Misunderstanding") w/ "Nkan Mii" ("Something Else")

Thu. 6/1 "In-the-Works" Film and Video Festival.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third & Washington Sts.

Weekend Mass: Sat. 4PM., Sunday, 10AM.

Weekday Mass: Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 9AM.

Soup Kitchen: Wed. & Thurs., 4-5PM, ongoing. Volunteers needed

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA SHRINE CHURCH

28 State Street Troy, New York, 12180.

Pastor: Fr. Mario F. Julian.

Weekday Masses, Monday -- Thursday 7:15AM. & 12:10 P.M.

Weekend Mass, Saturday Evening (Vigil) 4:30 PM

Sunday 9AM, 10AM-Espanol, 12PM & 5:30PM

Reconciliation, Mon.-Thurs. 11:30-12:00 noon Sat. 3:00-4:00PM.

Baptism, marriage, pastoral care, call 518 273-8622.

May 27 4:30PM Mass Crowning of the Blessed Mother

Bingo, Sunday at 7PM, May 14th and 28th held at Bingo Green at the Troy Atrium.

Parking in the garage.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First and Liberty Streets 518 274 5880.

Sunday services at 8&10 AM,

Wednesday at 7:30AM, Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

The Basement Thrift Shop, Wed. & Sat. 9AM-Noon, ongoing.

AA Meetings, Monday 9PM, Women's Mtg., Thurs. 12 Noon, Big Book Mtg. Thurs.

7:30PM, ongoing.

GETTING RID OF FURNITURE?

Call TAUM (Troy Area United Ministries) for pick-up. Any size beds, dressers and kitchen tables are needed most. Call Michael Barrett, 518 274 5920, x 204 to make pick-up arrangements

HILL'S STATIONERY COMMERCIAL OFFICE PRODUCTS IS NOW WB MASON

You all know Hill's Stationery, it's been in Troy at 451 Broadway since 1920. John Hill now sells for WB Mason, an independent office supply dealer with 15 branch offices around the Northeast, occupying space in John's building offering low prices, free next day delivery, no minimum order. Hill's will remain open as a retail store with more emphasis on copying and shipping services. If you need any supplies or would like to wish John well, he can be reached by calling 1-888-926-2766 x1336



Meet Marley, proud resident of Little Italy . We caught him treating his mistress to a coffee outside Flavour Cafe.

ADOPTING A PET?

Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands, NY 518 434-8128

<http://www.mohawkhumanesociety.org>. You'll find dozens of kittens, cats, puppies and dogs badly wanting, yes, needing, loving homes. The Humane Society conducts a low cost wellness clinic and spay-neuter programs.

FREE KITTENS TO GOOD HOMES

B/W & striped, 9 weeks old, female, call 518 273 2084.

TROY YOGA MOVES TO TUESDAYS

Starting on May 9, our ongoing yoga classes will meet on TUESDAYS, at the same time: 6-7:15PM and in the same location, Natural Solutions Bodywork Studio (5 Bway, Suite 201, downtown Troy).

ITALIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

1450 5th Avenue, Troy, NY 12180 518 274-0508, Ext. 5

\$15,000. drawing! Sat., May 20, 2006, only 250 tickets sold. Call for info.

The Market Reunion is a reunion of Little Italy residents who made the Market a regular place to play and socialize throughout the years. Join the group and share your

memories of this great good place. The buffet will be \$20 per person. RSVP Anna Hunt, 274-0508 x5.

TROY SAVINGS BANK MUSIC HALL MUSIC AT NOON

30 2nd Street • Troy, New York • 518.273.0038. Free concert, 5/9/2006, 12PM. Findlay Cockrell, classical piano.

DANCIN' LIKE YOU FEEL IT

Ever want to learn how to partner dance without the contractual commitments of ballroom organizations? **Adrian Warnock-Graham** has been teaching and performing in the capital region for seven years and has openings for private lessons or small group lessons. This is for either individuals or couples. We will work on the basic concepts of partner dance which can be applied to just about any music, so when you get to that next hip party in Troy, you'll be ready to strut your stuff. Swingbox@gmail.com, 518 272-

ARTIST AVAILABLE FOR HAND PAINTED MURALS

Small and grand projects, alcoves, odd spaces, architectural details, historic homes, businesses, gardens. Very reasonable prices. Oil painter with 10 years of formal study. Call Ami Lahoff 518 892-2289.

TROY KNITTERS

<http://www.troyknitters.com>. Meet the first and third Tues. of the month at Flavor Cafe. Join stitchers with all abilities for fun, learning and knitting. Everyone is welcome and you can come as frequently as you like. The more the merrier!

NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

Tracey Daley represents 'Family Health Plus', a product of Wellcare. She welcomes the opportunity to explain the benefits of this plan. Call her at 518 462-3861 X8813.

APARTMENTS AND PROPERTY

Call Marion Field for information, 518 266-1406, 518 961- 0590 unless noted otherwise.

APARTMENTS

1 bdm w/ den, living room, eat in kitchen, yard & laundry hook-ups \$750+util. Call Kristen 518 448 5014.

1306 5th Avenue 2 bdm, eat in kitchen, yard and hook-ups

\$600+utilities Available 6/1/2006

299 4th Street 1 bdrm with sm office, carpet, clean & modern. No pets, non-smoker, \$450.+util.

AVAILABLE PROPERTY

1 FAMILY, 29 Jefferson St., 3 bdm \$89,000.

108 Adam Street 2 bdm \$149,900.

2 FAMILY

50 Ida Street 2/2 bdm \$29,900.

313 1st street 2/3 bdm \$41,500.

392 4th Street 2/2 bdm \$68,900.

46 Ida Street 2/3 bdm \$84,900.

298 4th Street 2/3 bdm \$89,900.

MULTI UNITS

316 4th Street 3 unit \$79,900

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

164 3rd Street 4 unit \$175,000

HOW TO REACH US

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BOCCE BALL LEAGUE FORMING

Get your team together and go sign up at deFazio's Restaurant on Fourth St. What a great way to spend a warm summer evening. Go by the new courts at Hill and Washington St., just to get in the mood. Call Rocky at 518 271 1111 for the details

FLAVOUR CAFE MAY LINE-UP

MAY 2006 EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 3

Open Mic with Kelly McGuire 8pm

Thursday, May 4

Psychic Readings with Kelly Ballard- 6pm.

Music: KP Devlin- 8pm

Friday, May 5

Music: Sunset Sam Acoustic Folk-8pm

Saturday, May 6

Music: Maurizio-8pm

Tuesday, May 9

Catholic Central High School Senior Night- 9pm

Wednesday, May 10

Troy Knitting Club-6pm

Thursday, May 11

Open Mic with Kelly Maguire- 8pm

Friday, May 12

Music: John Cancelliere- 8pm

Saturday, May 13

Music: 2 Late-8pm

Tuesday, May 16

Music: Jon Cornwell Jazz Rock Pianis- 8pm

Wednesday, May 17

Psychic Readings with Kelly Ballard- 6pm

Thursday, May 18

Open Mic with Kelly McGuire- 8pm

Friday, May 19

Music: Nodel Nim- 8pm

Saturday, May 20

Music: Rick Za- 8pm

Tuesday, May 23r

Music: Chrissie VanWarne- 8pm

Wednesday, May 24

Troy Knitting Club

Thursday, May 25

Open Mic with Kelly McGuire- 8pm

Friday, May 26

Psychic Readings with Kelly Ballard-6pm

Saturday, May 27

Music: Bob Lord-8pm

Tuesday, May 30t

Psychic Readings with Kelly Ballard- 6pm

Wednesday, May 31

Open Mic with Kelly Maguire - 8pm



ADDITIONAL EVENTS TBA

Artist of the Month- Local Artist **Wendy Costa** presents a collection of original works entitled **"Interior Landscapes"**.

FLAVOUR CAFE AND LOUNGE 228-230 4th Street, next to Vanilla Bean Bakery Troy, NY 518 518-266-9253 www.FLAVOURCAFE.COM

LITTLE ITALY COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Friends of Little Italy (FOLI) is asking for your help in making our community an even better place to live. Little Italy consists of Fifth to Second St. and Ida to Ferry St. Please take a few brief moments to let us know your thoughts and opinions. Completed surveys should be dropped off at Flavour Café on Fourth at Washington. FOLI usually meets at Flavour Café on the third Sunday of every month at 4 PM, so please join us! Thank you very much for your time. With your feedback, we can make a difference!

Part I –Community

1. I feel there is a sense of community in Little Italy.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

2. I care that FOLI is trying to build a sense of community.

Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. Why do you choose to live in Little Italy?

4. On a scale of 1-10, 10 being the most, how well do you know your neighbors?

5. How often do you patronize businesses in your community?

Always Frequently Sometimes Infrequently Never

6. Is there a type of business you'd like to see?

7. How safe do you and your family (if any) feel in Little Italy?

Very Safe Safe No Opinion Unsafe Very Unsafe

8. What do you think needs improvement?

Part II –Italian Culture

9. Are you of Italian descent? YES____ NO____

10. On a scale of 1-10, 10 being the most, how interested are you in Italian culture? ____

11. Would you like to see more Italian events in Little Italy? YES____ NO____

Part III –Demographics

12. What is your address? (Or if you prefer, the cross streets)

13. Where else have you lived in your life? (other towns or cities, for example)

14. Do you have children? YES____ NO____

15. If yes, what are their ages?

Survey continued on other side of page.

Part IV –Our Newsletter

16. Do you receive the newsletter at home? YES___ NO___
17. Do you read the newsletter? YES___ NO___
18. Do you find the newsletter helpful? YES___ NO___
19. Is there anything else that you would like to see in the newsletter?
20. Would you be interested in helping with the newsletter? YES___ NO___

If you'd like to become active in FOLI, let us know!

Name:

Address

Phone Number

Email Address:

To find more about our community, please visit the website at <http://www.littleitalytroy.org>

When you're finished, please remember to drop this off at Flavour Café, Fourth St. Between Liberty and Washington St.