

LITTLE ITALY NEWS • NOVEMBER 2006 EDITION

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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 business people 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.

NEWSLETTER ANNIVERSARY

With this issue our newsletter celebrates its first anniversary! Many thanks to all who have contributed during the past year in helping us revitalize this great good neighborhood.

ICC'S BUSY SCHEDULE

During the past few weeks thousands of area residents attended the Festa Italiana, the fundraiser brunch for young Brandon Christensen and the Empty Bowls event at the Italian Community Center. We take pride in recognizing dozens of volunteers at the ICC - cooks, kitchen helpers, set up crews, food servers, clean-up crews – and all who helped organize and contribute to the successful events which have brought many, many people to Little Italy.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH 9 A.M. AT THE MARKET

Weed eaters, brooms, shovels, clippers and a pick-up truck needed. Garbage and leaf bags will be available at the market. Please join us !!!!!

November Meetings:

Neighborhood Watch 11-15-06 @ 6:00 PM
Little Italy 11-15-06 @ 7:00 PM
233 4th St (Corner of Washington and 4th)

HOW TO REACH US

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH 10/18 MEETING UPDATE

Our neighborhood welcomes our new Community Police Officer, Chris McDonald. Officer McDonald is a lifelong Troy resident and is committed to keeping our neighborhood safe and enjoyable. If you have any concerns, please direct them to him at (518) 270-4789 or via email at chris.mcdonald@troyny.gov. We look forward to having him work with our community.

Please be aware that there have been several reports of attempted and successful car and house break-ins in the neighborhood. Please keep belongings out of your vehicle to ensure your car is less of a target. Be sure to report any suspicious activity to the police and your block captain.

We are still in need of block captains! If you are interested in knowing more about the events in the neighborhood, please attend our next Community Police Meeting on November 20th at 6:00 at the Freihofer's Race Headquarters, corner of 4th and Washington. It would be great if all new and current captains could attend!!

CONGRATULATIONS Officer Tim Haskins on your promotion and many thanks for the excellent work you did patrolling our neighborhood, handling difficult situations, and being there for us.

LITTLE ITALY IN THE NEWS

Compiled by Mike Esposito

Troy gets trashy

The Record, October 15, p. 24, 41. Photos by Tom Killips. Charity fashion show featuring original designs using recycled materials including designs by Fourth Street businesswoman Jean Krueger who also modeled for the event.

Fashions straight from the gutter

By Danielle Furfaro, *Times Union*, October 10. Jean Krueger owner of Fourth Streets' Allblues Sewing Service has been a part of Discard/Trashion for most of its history and is a featured designer/model.

Parade delights area Italians and Italians at heart

The Record, October 7, 2006, p. 24. Long time Little Italy resident Jo Smith was photographed at the Columbus Day Parade as Capital District residents enjoy a full day of festivities.

Wheels for seniors *The Record*, October 6, 2006, p. 17. Little Italy resident Edith Riggione Novak, president of the Troy Senior Service Center, photographed with State Senator Joseph Bruno who secured grant for two new vans for senior citizens programs.

The Record's Historian and Daily

Historian Photos:

- 1940** Louis and Lucretia Rizzo family and friends, submitted by Annette Sanders, Oct. 8, 2006, p.14
- 1948** John Kirby, Tom Strang, Bill Hayes at Kennedy's Garage, 3rd & Jefferson, submitted by Marion Kirby, Oct. 17, 2006, p. 26
- 1952** Ermina & Vito Furciniti, submitted by Joan Furciniti, Oct. 17, 2006, p.29
- 1962** Dinardo Family Labor Day clam steam, submitted by Joe Dinardo, Oct. 17, 2006, p. 28
- 1966** Theresa (Piscitella) McHale and Rose (Piscitella) Mawad, submitted by Brandi McHale, Oct. 17, 2006, p. 28
- 1967** David & Dominic Marro, submitted by Terri Rinchik, Oct. 17, 2006 p.31

THE RECORD'S FIVE QUESTIONS

Lynn Kopka, President of the Washington Park Association, was interviewed in *The Record* on October, 8, 2006 (p.2). Among her responses to questions, Lynn stated that "most importantly, maintaining the quality of our neighborhoods" was a concern.

Hats off to Lynn for her dynamic leadership of the WPA and her steadfast interest in Troy's neighborhoods and their preservation

On October 16, 2006 (p. 2), Joe Mancino, manager of Flavour Café was interviewed. Joe's response to a question was "We try to get involved in the community". *Hats off to Joe and Flavour owner Charlie Staats. Our "good neighbor café" is one of the best examples of business involvement in the community*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Spaghetti Supper

Monday, Nov. 6, 11 am – 7 pm
St. Mary's Church, Donaghy Parish Center, Washington Street entrance
Adults: \$6, children under 12: \$3
Tickets can be purchased at the door; take outs available (bring container)

Election Day

Tuesday, November 7, 6 am – 9 pm
Local polling places:
Italian Community Center, 1450 5th Avenue,
CYO Center, 237 4th Street
Osgood Fire Station, 3rd Street & Canal Ave.

Growing and Cooking with Herbs

Learn how to create an indoor herb garden and how to lower salt intake without comprising flavour.
**Thursday November 9th, 5:30 pm at Capital District Community Garden' office. 40 River St. Troy
Call 274-8685 to register. Free for Community Gardners, \$5 for general public.

Free Landlord Training

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH 5:30-9:30 PM
HEFFNER ALUMNI HOUSE, RPI, PEOPLE'S AVE. TROY
Learn about effective tenant screening, code enforcement, eviction process, nuisance abatement and lots more. Seating is Limited. Light Dinner served.
Co-sponsored by TRIP. RPI, City of Troy and a coalition of neighborhood associations and community-based agencies. To attend call TRIP at 272-8289 x14

Stroll Kickoff

Tuesday November 29, 2006 5:00 pm in the lobby of HSBC Bank, Corner of Broadway and Third
Festivities include the unveiling of the annual Stroll Commemorative poster and collectible ornament.
(Designed by Smith & Jones advertising agency.)

FLAVOUR CAFÉ & LOUNGE EVENTS

November 2006 EVENTS CALENDER

Wednesday, Nov. 1st Open Mic with Kelly McGuire 8pm

Monday, Nov. 6th Namoli Brennet 7pm

Tuesday, Nov. 7th Troy Knitting Club 6pm

Wednesday, Nov. 8th Open Mic with Kelly Maguire 8pm

Friday, Nov. 10th Music: Two-Late 8pm

Monday, Nov. 13th Psychic Readings with Kelly Ballard 6pm

Wednesday, Nov. 15th Open Mic with Kelly McGuire 8pm

Friday, Nov. 17th Music: David Render & Bob Rivas 8pm

Monday, Nov. 20th Psychic Readings with Kelly Ballard 6pm

Tuesday, Nov. 21st Troy Knitting Club 8pm

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd Open Mic with Kelly Maguire feat. Brooke Clover 8pm

Thursday, Nov. 23rd *Café Open 8am-1pm*
BREAKFAST SPECIALS!

Tuesday, Nov. 28th Psychic Reading with Kelly Ballard 6pm

Wednesday, Nov. 29th Open Mic with Kelly McGuire 8pm

***CAFÉ WILL BE OPEN ON THANKSGIVING DAY! BREAKFAST SPECIALSSSS!!!! 8 AM TILL 1 PM**

*Charlie will be celebrating his 34th Birthday on the 31st. To celebrate small coffees are only 31 cents day long! Stop by and wish him a Happy Birthday

Hi all, I would like to let everyone know we are participating in WMHT'S Holiday Action!. We donated

3 gift certificates valued at \$25 a piece!!!! We are excited to be doing this again and to be out in the community!! The auction will take place on Nov. 16th through the 18th!!!! Please bid on our gift certificates! You can get them at a great price and all proceeds will go toward Local Public Broadcasting!!! Joe Mancino (General Manager)

FLAVOUR is pleased to announce that we have added numerous breakfast items! This is to help us build our morning business after deciding to OPEN AN HOUR earlier during the WEEK! To help promote this WE ARE GIVING AWAY FREE SMALL COFFEES MON-FRI from 7-8am!!!

**DECALS AVAILABLE**

George Regan of USA Track and Field, 233 4th Street, has donated the window decals you see shown here. We have chosen this image to let everyone know we are keeping our eyes open for any suspicious activities. If you see or hear anything do not hesitate to call the police: 911 or 270-4411. There have been a number of break-ins in the past few weeks. Pick up your decal at the above address if interested in displaying one.

“LET’S CATCH THESE CRIMINALS!”**LITTLE ITALY REAL ESTATE
FOR SALE OR FOR RENT****1 FAMILY**

160 2nd Street \$295,000 Tom 391-2594

2 FAMILIES

72 Hill Street \$49,900 Tom 885-3941

46 Ida Street \$82,900 Leon 727-7493

103 Hill Street \$89,900 Deb 640-4537

1032 6th Avenue \$104,900 Chester 456-0202

294-296 3rd St. \$119,900 John 798-2819

120 Jefferson St \$120,000 Jason 828-7147

1016 5th Avenue \$122,000 Jane 640-4127

230 1st Street \$124,900 Joe 286-2903

MULTI UNITS

263 4th Street \$64,900 Leon 727-7493

144 Hill Street \$89,900 Ray 640-4020

316 4th Street \$99,900 Ray 640-4020

319 4th Street \$139,900 Jim 588-6755

177 4th Street \$274,900 Barbara 424-5291

1465 5th Avenue \$159,900 Robert 279-3700

201 4th Street \$169,900 Chester 399-5958

1406 5th Avenue \$145,000 Lisa 640-4511

144 3rd Street \$189,900 Leon 727-7493

274/276 4th St. \$299,000 Dom 421-5522

COMMERCIAL

1049 5th Avenue \$85,000 Jim 464-0870

FOR RENT/LEASE

109 Washington St,- owner occupied, 2nd fl, 1 bedroom, \$600 plus utilities. 3rd fl, 2 bedroom \$650 plus utilities.

Storefront for rent 165 4th Street \$750 utilities inc. 1 bedroom with office, non smoker, no pets \$450 plus utilities. For more info Call Marion 266-1406. If you have an apartment for rent and would like us

LITTLE ITALY QUIZ

Our neighborhood was famous for it's nicknames.

Test your memory and see if you remember the proper name that goes with the nickname. Check next month's issue to see if you are correct.

APPLEHEAD	BEEFY	WEB
THE BROW	STROM	CHICO
RABBIT	BUSTER	TINY
JOE THE SHIEK	SLUG	GIGI
2 MINUTE CHARLIE		JUMBO
SUPERMAN	DADA	TWEED

If you have a list of your own, please pass it on. We will be printing a booklet with as many names as we can gather. Every time we have an event we will have the book on display for your reading pleasure and hope it will bring back pleasant memories.

KUDOS TO 4TH STREET RUNNERS

4th Street neighbors Mara Drohan and Livingstone Mukasa recently crossed the finish line (with smiles) in their first ever 5km race. The 30 something runners competed in the Bruegger's 5km Road Race last month and are now "hooked" on the event. They were encouraged by fellow runner Brenda Taylor. Congratulations to all for a fine showing

SPECIAL THANKS

To Harriet Warner Graham, Tom Sinopoli, Bernice Bornt, Clem Campana and Michael Esposito for their contributions toward the printing of our newsletter.

LOOK -UP

When your on the corner of Division and 4th take a peek at the new addition to "Allblues Sewing and Design". It's sporting a classy new sign. Stop in and say hello to the owner Jean Krueger.

2006 TROY TURKEY TROT NOVEMBER 23



The Thanksgiving morning activities begin with the 1 1/2 mile Turkey Walk starting at 8 am and followed by the Grade School Race at 8:30 am. 9:15 kicks off the 5K (3.1 miles) and then at 10:15 the 10K (6.2 miles). GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!

SANCTUARY FOR INDEPENDENT MEDIA 3361 6th AVENUE

Movies/Screenings/Dinners/Music:

- 11/2 "In -the Works" 7 P.M.
 11/4 Joe Giardullo's Red Morocco 8 P.M. \$10
 11/14-11/16 Human Rights Watch Traveling Film Festival
 Tuesday: "The Camden 28" 7 P.M.
 Wednesday: "Conversations On A Sunday Afternoon" 7 P.M.
 Thursday:"Men On The Edge: Fisherman's Dairy" 7 P.M.
 11/18 The Sabir Mateen Quartet 8 P.M. \$10
 11/21"The Net" premiere w/political theorist Langdon Winner 7 P.M.
 11/28 Author Michael Shuman plus "Independent America" premiere 6 P.M. screening 7 P.M.
 11/30 "Talking Points + Talking Ponies" w/media artist Ben Coonley 7 P.M

A good time was had by all at the Sanctuary for the screening of "What Do You Tear Down Next". Thanks to Joely Johnson and Stefaanie Stoye for handling our information booth and raising \$50 toward our newsletter.

ST.MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third & Washington Sts. Troy, NY 12180
 Weekend Masses: Sat. 4 P.M. Sun. 10 A.M.
 Weekday Masses Tues., Thurs., Fri 9 am
SOUP KITCHEN: Wed & Thurs, 4-5, ongoing
 Volunteers needed.

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Corner of 1st and Liberty Street
 Sunday services at 8 & 10 A.M.
THE BASEMENT THRIFT SHOP: Wed. & Sat.
 9 A.M.- Noon, on-going.

ST.ANTHONY OF PADUA SHRINE CHURCH

28 State Street Troy NY 12180
 Weekend Masses: Sat., 4:30 pm. Sun. 9am, 10 am (Spanish), 12 & 5:30 pm
 Weekday Masses: Mon.— Thurs. 7:15am & 12 pm
 Bible Study November 30th 7 pm in the Rourke Center (next to the church on 4th street)

CHECK YOUR CHURCH BULETION FOR THANKSGIVING SERVICES

INVITATION TO ALL NEW HOMEOWNER'S AND LANDLORD'S

We cordially invite you to attend our next Neighborhood Watch meeting followed by The Friends of Little Italy meeting on November 15, 2006 at 6 pm in the first floor conference room at the Freihofer's Run for Women building at 233 Fourth Street (corner of Fourth and Washington).

As a united community, we are making an effort to improve Troy's Little Italy neighborhood. We are gathering ideas from local homeowners, landlords, residents and business owners. It is in your best interest to voice your opinions. Your involvement is needed to make our neighborhood a healthy, safe and vibrant community.

If you have any questions please contact Marion Field (266-1406 or myf1406@aol.com)

Take a proactive step towards improving the streets of Troy; join us on the 15th!

TROY LITTLE ITALY

This letter was devised by members of our steering committee for all new members of our community. If you have the name and addresses of anyone you would like us to send one to, please contact us.

VETERAN MEMORIALS LOCATED IN LITTLE ITALY



3rd and Division
Near Red Front Restaurant



Washington Park



C.R.A.B. Post
Liberty St



VETERAN'S DAY, NOVEMBER 11TH*** Little Italy pays tribute to the memory of those who died in combat or were missing in action, to those who returned wounded and to all who served and are serving now.**

NEIGHBORHOODS HONORED

Congratulations to the **Osgood Neighborhood** and the **Friends of Sixth Avenue** for being selected as this years Troy Treasures by TRIP, Inc. Last years winner was South Central's **Washington Park Association**

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

If anyone wishes to submit an article for our newsletter, please have your text or picture ready for publication by the 25th of November 2006. E-mail to Marion Field at myf1406@aol.com or call 266-1406 and someone will pick your article up.

REDUCE YOUR HEAT & ELECTRIC BILLS

Resources are available through the New York Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Energy \$mart Program. These programs have already been paid by you through the System Benefits Charge, which was collected through your electric bill since 1998. Business owners, landlords and residential electric customers if interested can call Ed Smyth of RLW Analytics, 48 4th Street at 266-9360 or ed@rlw.com. More information available at www.getenergysmart.org, www.nyserda.org or by calling 1-866-NYSERDA

REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 7TH



Carmen Amedio: owner

*Troy Pork Store, Inc.
German Franks & Specialty Sausages
Since 1918*

“We Make it Here”

Located in historic Troy, New York, the Troy Pork Store, Inc. has been serving generations of satisfied customers since 1918 and is recognized as a leading manufacturer of German frankfurters, specialty sausages and custom services including the manufacturing of various fish and game products. Since its' infancy, the Troy Pork Store, Inc. has had a proven track record of high-quality, great tasting meat products that keep our customers coming back for more. With nearly a century of serving the Capitol District, Our motto is certainly a resounding one." **WE MAKE IT HERE**": always fresh, always premium, always an authentic taste.

In 1918, Charles Comerz opened the Troy Pork Store. Thereafter, in 1923, Otto Richter and John Hartmann began working for Mr. Comerz and purchased the store in 1945. Soon, the store welcomed Walter Pohlmann who began working for Mr. Richter until he bought the establishment in 1957. Mr. Pohlmann was born in Bochum, Germany where he learned the German art of sausage making from his "master-butcher" father who had his own meat business. During WW11, when meat was a scarce commodity, the Pohlmann family closed their business. In 1953 the family relocated to the United States to make a new life for themselves.

In the 45 plus years that Mr. Pohlmann served the public as one of the "old world" highly-skilled sausage makers, thousands have enjoyed the results of his talents. As of August 2004, a fourth generation

of an artful and skilled sausage, meat and frankfurter connoisseur has taken the reins from Mr. Polhmann. Carmen Amedio is the new owner and brings with him many years of experience with-in the meat industry. He is enthusiastic about the prospect of continuing the road of specialized-service as he welcomes new generations of satisfied customers.

Carmen has over 25 years experience in the retail/ wholesale meat business both in the private and public sector. His professional history began as a young boy involved in the family's meat and Italian import business. His grandfather, the late Anthony Lombardo, of Lombardo's Market and then Lombardo's Italian Imports, Rensselaer, NY was a "master butcher" whom Carmen credits his acquired taste and interest in the meat industry. In later years, Carmen joined Price Chopper Supermarket Corporation. His accomplishments with Price Chopper spanned over a 20 year term. Carmen has extensive experience in the meat industry as well as an acute understanding of high-quality fresh-cuts-of meat, and the manufacturing of various kinds of sausage and frankfurters.

**ITALIAN COMMUNITY CENTER
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION OF TROY, NY**
Presents

“HOLIDAY FASHION SHOW”

November 5, 2006 2:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M. (doors open at 1:00 P.M.)

Ziti and meatball dinner will be served—Music by Genuine Karaoke

Fashion Show including fashions from **COLD-WATER CREEK, CATHERINES'S, THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES AND SOME GIRLS BOUTIQUE**. Many vendors available for your shopping pleasure! Cash and Carry—Start your Christmas Shopping Early.

Jewelry (14 kt. and costume), Pocketbooks, Home Interiors, Crafts and more!!! Get your tickets and reserve your table now by calling the ICC at 274-0508, Ext. 5 (ANNA HUNT) **DONATION \$10.00 per person**

***HAVE A HAPPY
THANKSGIVING***