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TULIP
FESTIVALMay 7th and 8th, 2011

The highly anticipated spring tradition in Washington Park, when over 200,000 tulip bulbs blossom into a sea of colors, continues this year just in time for the Mother's Day celebration. Activities surrounding the event include the street scrubbing on State Street, the coronation of the Tulip Queen, the Tulip Queen and Court Luncheon, and the Royal Tulip Ball. Nominees for Tulip Queen take part in a competitive interview process, with five finalists chosen to attend the ceremony. One will be crowned the Queen and the other four will serve as the Tulip Court. The Tulip Queen and Court spend their year of reign involved in volunteer projects, community functions, book drives and other initiatives associated with the Mayor's Literacy Campaign. For more information visit www.albanytulipqueen.com.

As always, Saturday and Sunday (May 7th and 8th), will feature the added excitement of children's activities, craft vendors, delicious food and multiple stages with nationally acclaimed musical performances. Sunday's events will include the 13th Annual Mother of the Year Award. For more information, visit www.motheroftheyearalbany.com. See page 5 for festival schedule and page 7 for parking restrictions and street closings.

Photo: Beth Hickox



Hidden City House & Garden Tour Returns on June 16th

Showcases the Diverse Urban Lifestyle of Albany's Historic Neighborhoods

The ever popular Hidden City House & Garden Tour is back! Now in its 20th year, the tour will take place on Thursday, June 16th from 5:00-8:00 pm. After taking a year off, the tour returns, replenished by a strong slate of homes and gardens in Albany's downtown historic neighborhoods sure to please one and all.

The event is co-sponsored by the Center Square and Hudson/Park Neighborhood Associations and the Historic Albany Foundation.

Homes on the tour date from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s. Many have architectural details including ornate plaster moldings and carved woodwork. As always, attendees will be impressed by the beauty of the gardens hidden behind the lovely facades that are an essential feature of homes in the downtown community. So come experience and enjoy Albany's urban lifestyle.

Tickets for the tour are \$20 per person prior to June 10th, and \$25 through the evening of the tour, itself. We are also offering a joint ticket (which must be pre-paid prior to June 10th) for \$30 per person that includes the Hidden City tour and one the following week in historic Pine Hills. For information call or email Genny Faist at 465-0876 or info@historic-albany.org or Elizabeth Griffin at 462-3173 or Elizabeth.griffin@hotmail.com.

Earth Day in Albany's South End is going to be different this year.

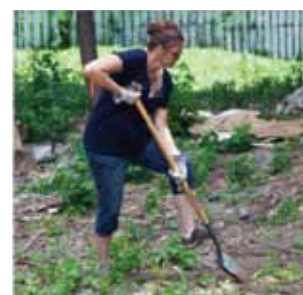
By Tom McPheeters

On Saturday April 30th, Grand Street Community Arts (GSCA)—a week after the official Earth Day—is going to observe the event with a family affair and a community celebration. There will be work projects in the morning in at least six different locations — everything from lot cleanups to completing a water catchment system and building raised garden beds. There will be afternoon workshops on recycling, worms, making art from litter, lasagna gardening and other esoteric subjects. The day will end with food and music and even a parade!

GSCA is the organizer of this event, thanks to a grant that Waste Management has arranged through Keep America Beautiful. Accordingly, we are working very closely with the South End Neighborhood Association, the South End Improvement Corporation, AVillage and many community members to make this event a success. This is truly a "come one come all" happening, with plenty of opportunity to pitch in, learn and enjoy.

The event kicks off at 9:00 am at the city park on Elizabeth Street, three blocks south of Morton Avenue. There will be maps and guides to direct volunteers to work sites; but we are encouraging people, community and church groups to sign up early to get jobs that suit them. We already have several community groups that have decided to take on specific projects.

Workshops start at noon at three locations: The Elizabeth Street playground, the Howe Library and the Schuyler Mansion. At 3:00 pm there will be a street cleanup, a parade and then a barbecue.



Volunteering is easy. Just email earthday@grandarts.org, or call the GSCA office at 463-2222. Check our web site, www.grandarts.org, for event details and updates.

Help Wanted

No paycheck; but big payback!

As part of her routine, Grace goes to her local FOCUS Food Pantry twice a month to get food to help feed her family. She is grateful for the extra groceries that supplement her food budget. Importantly, next year, some of the food that Grace receives will be grown right here in Center Square in a courtyard garden at Trinity Church. How did that happen? With volunteers of course! In this case, volunteers from the neighborhood and corporate America. See "Manna from Heaven" article on page 3.

All across America, people are volunteering — some 109 million of them, donating on average 3½ hours per week to causes they believe in. Their volunteer time totals more than 20 billion hours and has an estimated dollar value of \$225 billion. Why do they do it? Because it makes them feel needed, can lead to learning new skills, can break down barriers of misunderstanding, mistrust and fear, and can

create new contacts that can help a business or career or simply expand opportunities for social interaction.

The Trinity Church courtyard garden is just one example of how local groups can effect change in their neighborhoods through volunteerism. Whether it is a sustained effort (hopefully) like Trinity's or an ad hoc event like Spring Cleanup Day, the value of the effort is not only appreciated by those who receive the benefit but by those who provide it.

The *Capital Neighbors* neighborhoods are home to many organizations that value volunteers and use them on a regular basis to fulfill their missions. From those very same food pantries, to helping people with AIDS take care of their pets, to our own neighborhood associations, opportunities to get involved abound.

Instead of thinking that volunteerism is something you do *for* people, think of it as an exchange. Today you may be the person with the ability to help, but

tomorrow you may be the recipient of someone else's efforts.

Still, for volunteerism to work, organizations need clear and concise objectives when recruiting volunteers. It isn't enough to simply say "we need help doing a brochure." A well-tuned volunteer support network should include several processes that support their primary objective(s): recruitment, screening and selection, training, referral and matching, supervision, and evaluation. Organizations also need to have a solid plan for keeping their volunteers around, like: being flexible regarding volunteer hours; never allowing people to feel that their time has been wasted; and recognizing the value of volunteers' efforts in the overall work of the organization.

You might be thinking that the little bit you can do will not make a difference. Not true! Anything we can do as neighbors and residents to make a difference in our little

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Thanks!

Center Square

Center Square would like to thank everyone who helped with Spring Clean-up on April 16th and for contributing to the picnic at the Hudson/Jay turnaround park. We are looking good after a tough winter.

The May 19th meeting of the CSA will include guest speaker Stacy Pettigrew, who runs the Radix Ecological Sustainability Center with her husband Scott Kellogg. Stacy will discuss their Community Compost Initiative.

Hudson/Park

Hudson/Park has redesigned and printed its membership brochure as well as updated its Web site. Visit www.hudsonpark.org to see the new site and have a look at the brochure.

H/PNA wishes to thank all the residents who turned out for the Spring Clean-up Day on April 16th and got rid of all that messy stuff on our streets. Also, many thanks to the people who helped with set-up, food, and breaking-down for the after-picnic at the Hudson/Jay turnaround park.

Mansion

Congratulations to MNA's Grand Street Community Arts Center for its selection as an honoree by the Neighborhood Resource Center. GSCA presents creative arts programs for youth in the South End neighborhood area by linking youth to their neighborhoods through the arts.

MNA has also set the date for its annual Cooks and Kitchens Tour! Mark your calendar for Sunday,

September 25th, 2:00-5:00 pm and be sure to enjoy this culinary inside look at Mansion homes and gardens.

Park South

Park South Neighborhood Association President Andrew Harvey is an honoree at this year's Champagne on the Park event benefitting the Lark Street BID. Congratulations to him.

PSNA's April meeting will take place on the 27th. Discussion items on the agenda include: the proposed roof top patio for Red's, a discussion with APD officers on developing strategies and linkages for effective community policing, a representative from the Albany Public Library and a kick-off discussion on PSNA plans for national Night Out in August. The next meeting is May 25th.

Support your neighborhood associations!

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WPNA meets at 7:30 pm every 2nd Wednesday of the month, First Presbyterian Church (Rose Room), State and Willett Streets.

Permit Parking Update

By Colleen Ryan

For many years, neighborhood residents have called for a comprehensive parking plan for the City of Albany, with the hope of easing the challenge of finding on-street parking near our homes. In fact, longtime residents may remember the "I live here, I park here" stickers created by the Downtown Parking Coalition and the "Leave Your Car at Home" day coordinated by that group in 1999.

Late last summer, the New York State Legislature passed, and Governor Paterson signed, a law that allowed city officials to develop a permit parking plan for downtown Albany. Under the legislation, some 2,750 spaces would be reserved for permit holders. This is less than one third of the roughly 9,000 parking spots in the area surrounding the Empire State Plaza, and does not include some 20 percent of those spaces that will be reserved for short-term visitors.

A permit parking system for Albany was vehemently opposed by state worker unions, including CSEA and PEF, that have called for the construction of additional parking garages.

During the month of March, 6th Ward Common Council Member Richard Conti discussed the draft permit parking ordinance at the monthly meetings

of the Center Square, Hudson/Park, Park South and Washington Park Neighborhood Associations. In addition, an electronic copy of the ordinance was forwarded to the listservs of all four neighborhood associations. Conti is taking many of the comments he received and incorporating them into recommended revisions for review by the Mayor's Permit Parking Task Force.

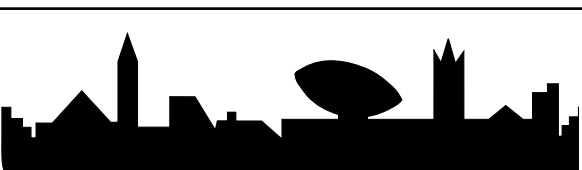
On April 9th, Conti met with Common Council members representing areas included in the plan and representatives of the Albany Police Department and the City Law Department to revise the maps. "The Treasurer and Clerk's office have also been discussing implementation details with the contractor who manages the city's ticket processing system," explained Conti. "That system will help track compliance, which is part of the process of calculating the cost of implementation and administration that will determine the associated parking permit fee. This is a very complicated and detail-oriented process, and we simply must take the time to get it right," he concluded.

The draft ordinance is available for review on the Hudson/Park Web site at www.hudsonpark.org.

Key Lark Street Parcel Under Contract

The three-building Lark Street parcel that was the former home of Planned Parenthood is currently under contract to be sold. Richard Conti, neighborhood Common Council 6th Ward Member opined that while he's heard "nothing official," there has been talk of a parking garage that could include retail or commercial space. Such a project, he continued, could eliminate the gap in the Lark Street streetscape while, at the same time, alleviating the area's parking shortage. Source: *Times Union* 4/13/11.

Lark Street BID is holding its annual Champagne on the Park Benefit on Thursday, May 5th, from 5:30-9:00 pm at the Washington Park Lakehouse. For more information visit <http://larkstreet.org/events/champagne-on-the-park.cfm>.



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An Evening With Beth Wood

"Folk singer-guitarist Beth Wood has such a dazzling voice it's a mystery why she's still just a cult artist," says the *Dallas Morning News*. Come see for yourself in an intimate concert in the University Club parlor. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds from the event benefit the University Club Foundation, a 501c3 corporation. This special event is presented by Hudson/Park neighborhood's Jim Davies. Reception with light fare and cash bar at 6:00 pm will be followed by two sets of Beth's "soulful, organic, free-range, barefoot music." Call to reserve your seats for what promises to be an unforgettable performance, 463-1151.

**Friday, May 13th
Reception 6:00 pm,
Concert 7:00-9:00 pm
University Club of
Albany, 141 Washington
Avenue at Dove Street**



Scan this code with your smart phone's bar code reader to visit www.BethWoodMusic.com

University Club of Albany Anticipates Listing on National Register of Historic Places

Reception Planned for June 13th to unveil commemorative plaque.

The University Club of Albany is awaiting notice from the United States Department of the Interior that it will be added to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is the United States' official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. The nomination was prepared by Kimberly Konrad Alvarez of Landmark Consulting in Albany and was recommended for National Register listing on March 9 by the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

The University Club was founded by a distinguished group of prominent citizens of the Albany area in order to "establish and maintain assembly rooms, promote social activities among the members and cultivate and maintain university spirit in the City of Albany." More than one hundred years later, the history and tradition continue. The University Club also was intended to attract the best and brightest from all walks of life and to offer services and facilities that responded to the current social and business needs of a diverse and unique



The University Club prior to the 1923 fire.

membership.

Since 1901, the University Club has occupied only two clubhouses (with temporary use of the Fort Orange Club and the former Albany Institute building on State Street while various construction projects occurred). The first location was at 99 Washington Avenue roughly across the street from the current Fort Orange Club from 1901 to 1907.

In 1907, the club purchased the Victorian-era Queen Anne style

home of the late George Amsdell (1825-1906), a local brewer and proprietor of the Amsdell Brewing Company on Lancaster and Jay Streets, the largest brewery in the area at the time. Located at the corner of Washington Avenue and Dove Street, the house was fully renovated in 1914 when the club added a modern extension off the rear to house a restaurant and additional sleeping rooms.

Less than a decade later, in November 1923, a massive fire resulted in the demolition of the

Amsdell home. The present clubhouse, designed by Albert Fuller and William Robinson, was constructed on the same site in 1924-25.

The University Club is one of four component buildings constituting one of Albany's most architecturally compatible and imposing intersections.

The red brick building in the Colonial Revival style was the last major commission of Fuller, a prolific Albany architect. The main entrance to the Club, on Dove Street,

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Manna from Heaven With Lots of Help from Here on Earth

By Darryl McGrath

A long-dormant courtyard garden at the Trinity United Methodist Church on Lark Street will be coming back to life as a vegetable garden for a good cause, with the help of several local residents and businesses.

The congregation plans to produce vegetables for donation to the FOCUS Food Pantry, which is operated by a coalition of Albany-area churches. The church will devote the 2011 growing season to cultivating the garden and improving the nutrient content of the soil. Any vegetables produced this year will be raised in containers in the garden; the first in-ground crop is planned for 2012.

"Trinity Church is very happy and grateful to be part of this creative project, and we are honored to be able to extend the hand of friendship and hope to neighbors in need through the vegetable garden," said Trinity's pastor, the Rev. Jeffrey Matthews. "It's a great use of our space, volunteer energy and the call to care."

Already, the project has received the support and encouragement of neighbors.

Hudson/Park resident Gordon "Mac" Mowbray donated a dozen good-condition gardening tools including: a pitchfork; a shovel and a trowel; several styles of hoes, cultivators and rakes; and pruning shears and clippers. The Central Avenue and Washington Avenue Home Depot stores have pledged donations of soil and containers, as well as a day of community service by a team of employees to help build up the soil in the garden and ready it for planting.

To help the church start a compost pile, The Daily Grind Cafe is setting aside regular collections of coffee grounds, eggshells and vegetable scraps, and the Delaware Avenue Price Chopper is donating vegetable trimmings and overripe produce several times a week. The Phillips Hardware Store at 1157 Central Avenue donated seeds for the container gardening this summer.

The courtyard garden was once a formal flower garden that had been part of the Center Square Association's "Hidden City Gardens" tour. But in recent years, the garden had fallen into disuse and the courtyard had become overgrown with sumac trees and weeds. The church organized a cleanup of the space several years ago and the outlines of the original formal garden have recently been unearthed in the preparation for the vegetable garden.

Quality of Life Gets a Helping Hand



Neighborhood Safety and Prevention News

By Officer Matt Montesano

The Albany Police Department (APD) has streamlined the process for dealing with General City Ordinance code violators . . . you know, those people who negatively impact our quality of life such as the litterers, noise makers, and "merry makers" who have indulged in too much "merry." In the past, officers could only make a code violation "arrest" the "traditional way"—and it was taking way too much time to complete such an arrest, as well as taking the arresting officer off the streets for significant portions of his or her shift. But now, beginning in March of 2011, officers carry appearance tickets that they can issue when dealing with General City Ordinance code violations—and it's done on the spot in as little as five minutes!

A Little History

In 2009, 670 General City Ordinance code violation arrests were made, taking an average of 73 minutes each to complete. In 2010, the number of arrests dropped to 579 with the arrest completion time increasing to 93 minutes. Not surprisingly, residents were complaining that officers "didn't care" or "didn't want to be bothered" with dealing with these petty offenses. That, however, proved not to be the case. An internal APD survey of officers revealed that the real problem was that officers had to follow the same procedure for making a littering arrest as they did for a robbery or other serious crime. Accordingly, officers were more likely to "advise" the offenders to curtail such offenses rather than complete a time-consuming arrest report that took these officers off the streets and placed them, instead, in the office doing paperwork. The old process also prevented officers from providing needed back up for other enforcement personnel on more serious calls.

As a result, senior department personnel set out to develop an arrest procedure for General City Ordinance code violators that was more efficient and, most importantly, dramatically decreased the amount of time an officer needed to spend on an arrest, while, at the same time, improving the quality of life in Albany's neighborhoods. In the course of this effort, APD worked with the City of Albany and the courts to develop a process using appearance tickets for city ordinance code violators. **Note:** See list at right for commonly used General City Ordinances. To read the content of a City of Albany ordinance, visit <http://www.ecode360.com/?custId=AL0934> and enter the section number of the code shown.

A Typical Violation Arrest

It is important for residents to understand that, pursuant to Criminal Procedure Law (CPL 140.10) an officer can only make an arrest for a General City Ordinance violation that **occurs** in his or her presence. In other words, the officer must **witness** the violation in order to write an appearance ticket. It's not enough that you, citizen/taxpayer saw it. With that in mind, below are the steps that need to occur when an officer witnesses a violation of a General City Ordinance:

- Violator is stopped.
- An appearance ticket is written by the witnessing officer.
- A copy of the ticket is given to the violator.
- As long as there are no further issues (e.g., the violator does not have proper ID and/or has outstanding warrants) the officer returns to service.
- At the end of the officer's shift, the court and city receive copies of the ticket.

- On the specified date, the violator appears in City (Civil) Court at 24 Eagle Street.

The APD is hopeful that this new process will make it easier and quicker for officers to address quality of life issues when they see them, and to make sure that violators are held accountable for their actions.

As always, stay safe and have a great Spring.

Common General City Ordinances

- Possession of Open Container in Public Place, 105-24.A
- Consumption of Alcoholic Beverage in Public Place, 105-24.B
- Litter in Public Places, 313-38
- Unnecessary and Unusual Noise, 255-24
- Public Urination, 255-41
- Vending Without a License, 363-4
- Hand Bills, 217-3
- Non-Medallion Taxicabs, 353-2
- Taxicab Medallion Required, 353-15
- Hack License Required, 353-37
- License Required for Tow Company, 353-51
- Parking of Tow Trucks on City Street 6:00 pm-6:00 am, 359-22.G
- Parking of Commercial Vehicles and Trailers in Residential Districts, 375-182
- Parking Boat, Utility and Truck Trailers on City Streets, 359-22.H
- Vehicle Repairs on City Streets, 359-22.I
- Commercial Vehicles Idling More Than 5 Minutes, 359-22.J
- Scavenging, 313-6
- Garage Sale in Residential District, 375-109

By Sharon DiLorenzo
Program Manager
Capital District
Community Gardens



Gardens for Everyone

Growing Alliums: Spring Gardening is Underway

Spring seems to be taking its dear sweet time this year, and gardeners are getting mighty impatient waiting to dig in and get their hands dirty. Fear not, there are plenty of early season tasks to be tackled in the vegetable garden and planting some members of the Allium family could be one of them.

Allium is a hardy genus of bulbs that give us onions, garlic, chives, leeks and shallots. It also includes ornamental species, often selected for their unique shapes and rich purple hues. Alliums are popular with home gardeners for their versatile culinary uses and excellent storage life. If kept cool and dry, onions, shallots, and garlic (which is planted in the fall) will bring garden-fresh flavors to your kitchen for months after the growing season has ended.

Onion (*Allium cepa*)

Getting an early start is the key to a successful onion crop. Onions can be grown from either seeds or "sets"—small bulbs less than one inch in diameter. With both methods, it is important to select varieties well-suited to Northeastern climates such as Stuttgarter, Big Red, Red Baron and Ebenezer.

Seeds are an inexpensive option but must be started indoors in late January or February. Since onions are relatively cold-tolerant, hardened-off seedlings can be transplanted two weeks prior to the last frost.

Some gardeners prefer to use onion sets because they give a quick start and are more resistant to certain pests such as the onion fly. In that case, the bulbs should be planted 1-2 inches deep and 4-6 inches apart with the flat side facing down. Onions can be started closer together if you intend to thin some for use as green onions or scallions.

In any event, it is important to keep your onion beds well weeded and watered. Water the plants regularly until the green tops begin to yellow. Once this occurs, withhold water and watch for the tops to begin to fall over. When most of the tops are down, bend the rest over by hand and allow ten days for the bulbs to mature fully.

Sunny days are best for harvesting onions. Lift the bulbs from the soil and let them dry in the sun for a few hours. Lightly brush the dirt from the bulbs and lay them in a warm, airy, dry location. After they have cured for two weeks, onions should be stored in a cool, dry place (like a root cellar).

Shallots (*Allium ascalonicum*)

Shallots are sweeter and milder in flavor than onions. Although they are far more expensive than their allium cousin in the supermarket, they are not any more difficult to grow. Shallots can be planted in the fall like garlic, but are best started in the spring in this area. Cloves should be planted with the broad end down, 1-2 inches deep, and 4-6 inches apart. Each starter clove will produce a cluster of shallots rather than a single bulb. Harvest, cure and store shallots as you would onions.

Leeks (*Allium porum*)

Leeks can be easily grown from seed, but must be started indoors to accommodate their long growing season (130 days). Transfer seedlings to soil that has been enriched with compost or manure, spacing them 6-8 inches apart. Over the course of the summer, you'll need to hill the soil around the leek stem several times to create the white, edible part. Leeks can be harvested and eaten at any time, but are typically picked when they reach 1-1 1/2 inches in diameter.

Chives (*Allium schoenprasum*)

The tender green tops of chives are a common culinary herb. Chives do well in a container or in a garden plot and they're perennial, meaning they come back year after year. If starting from seed, begin indoors (4-6 weeks before the last frost). Otherwise, purchase plants or divide off a section of a friend's plant. To harvest, simply clip off a section of leaves. The pretty purple flowers are also edible and can be added to salads. Just remove the central stem from the flower cluster to release the separate florets.

*So there is a lot you can do in
your garden, even now.*

*In any event, happy gardening.
It's about time!*

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By Tony Opalka, Albany City Historian



**"Why there's a
Lydius Street in
Guilderland?"
But wait, I thought this
column was about Albany!
It is . . . let me explain.**

A few issues back, I answered a question posed by two Capital Neighbors readers—which street was known as Lydius—Madison or Myrtle? (The answer is Madison, but that was the simple answer.) Now, I want to talk about the long history of this very long street.

Lydius Street was the northernmost street in the former common pasture of the city when the Dutch Reformed Church began selling building lots there in the late 1780s. The pasture extended east of South Pearl Street and was divided into the north and south pastures by Ferry Street. Most of the streets in the new district were named for pastors of the church, including Lydius.

After 1800, Lydius was extended westward and connected with the street in the "bird/mammal grid" originally known as Wolfe, after a French and Indian War military figure, and changed to Wolf in 1790. The newly connected street, in the city's 1813 map, was one of the few in the grid that was extended to the western boundary of the city, which at that time was at the Schenectady County line. The others were Washington Avenue and South Street, named for its location at the south boundary of the city (South Street was later changed to Gansevoort and never built west of South Pearl Street).

In an attempt to remove all traces of its Dutch heritage, an effort that swept Albany in the mid-nineteenth

century, Lydius was changed to Madison Avenue in 1867, but wasn't completely wiped off the map at that time. Madison Avenue was actually extended west of Western Avenue and the street now known as Belvidere Avenue (east of the State Campus) was the continuation. When the state purchased the land for the construction of the State Office Campus and the State University Campus, it purchased part of Madison, which shows up as a minor dirt road in old maps from the city. But once again, the street refused to die.

Washington Avenue Extension west of the Northway/Thruway interchange and Crossgates Mall is actually built on the old line of Madison. To get your bearings, next time you're driving east on Washington Avenue Extension, notice the position of the Corning Tower at the Empire State Plaza and you soon realize that you shouldn't be able to see the tower from Washington Avenue. This also explains why, at Karner Road, you'll notice a street sign leading to Point of Woods and the water tower that says Madison Avenue Extension. If the water tower was not there, Madison Avenue Extension would connect with Lydius Street in Guilderland. Interesting how the street remains in Guilderland, but in Albany the name was completely eliminated!

In future columns, I will be writing about the many other street name changes that were made in Albany over the years.

*If you have a question for Tony, please email him at
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University Club from page 3

features an entry porch with four sets of paired columns surmounted by an architrave, a cornice and a decorative iron balustrade. The main interior spaces on the first floor are large, formal and elegant, and largely unchanged from the date of construction.

"This is a tremendous distinction for the University Club and recognizes our important role in Albany's history," said Colleen Ryan, the secretary of the club's board of directors. "We are delighted that our clubhouse will take its place on the National Register, a list that includes Albany City Hall, Cherry Hill, the Ten Broeck Mansion, and our neighbors, the Harmanus Bleecker Library and the Albany Institute of History and Art."

To celebrate the designation, the University Club Foundation, Inc., a 501c3 organization incorporated in 2009 to facilitate

access to grants and charitable contributions for the preservation of the building, will host a reception on Monday, June 13th.

The date for the event was carefully chosen. "In New York's Hudson Valley during the 19th century, Pinkster Day was a most-anticipated holiday," said Ryan, an organizer of the event. "Pinkster Day was a celebration of spring for all: a religious holiday for the Dutch and, early on, gave slaves from Africa time off from work and a chance to gather with friends and family. The holiday began on the seventh Monday following Easter, the day after the Christian Holy Day of Pentecost or Whitsunday. In 2011, Pinkster Day falls on June 13th, and we will mark this date by celebrating the history of the building and the community."

The *Pinkster Day Celebration* will honor Albany's rich history



The University Club entrance today.

with readings from four centuries of scholarly and popular publications documenting the people and places of New York's capital city. The event will feature a cocktail reception with light fare and open bar as well as celebrity readers. Tickets start at \$50 and reservations can be made by calling the University Club at 463-1151.

For more information, visit www.universityclubalbany.com.

Tulip Festival Schedule

MONDAY, MAY 2

- **Tulip Tour in Washington Park, 1:00 pm.** Learn about the planting of more than 200,000 tulips for Albany's Tulip Festival in this guided walking tour through Washington Park, beginning at the Moses Statue. \$5. Reservations are requested; call the Albany Visitors Center at 434-0405.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

- **Carillon Concert, 11:30 am-noon, Albany City Hall.** Professional carillonneur Dr. Charles Semowich kicks off the 63rd Annual Albany Tulip Festival with a special musical program on City Hall's historic 49-bell carillon.
- **Street Scrubbing, noon, State and Lodge Streets.** The traditional Dutch practice of scrubbing the streets before a big event features a Mayoral Proclamation, the Albany Police Pipes & Drums, the Dutch Settlers Society, the 2011 Tulip Queen Finalists and a performance of the National Anthem by 11-year-old singing sensation Anthony Gargiula. Hosted by Joe Condon of B95.5 FM.
- **Tulip Festival Luncheon, 12:15 pm, 11 North Pearl Street.** A farewell to 2010 Tulip Queen Mishka Gilkes and her Court will benefit local food pantries. Tickets are required; contact The Food Pantries at 458-1167 to purchase.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- **Tulip Queen Coronation & Ball**
- Pre-Coronation: 11:00 am, Ampitheater Stage
- The Mendelssohn Club, 11:00-11:30 am
- Sweet Adelines, 11:30 am-noon
- Tulip Queen Procession, 11:45 am, formal Tulip Beds by Moses Statue
- Tulip Queen Coronation, noon, Ampitheater Stage
- Royal Tulip Ball, 6:30 pm, Wolferts Roost Country Club. An elegant

evening of dining and dancing to honor the new Tulip Queen and Court. Proceeds benefit the Albany Police and Fire Foundation. Tickets are required; contact Capital Affairs at 388-9240 to purchase.

SATURDAY AMPITHEATER STAGE

- Washington Park Lakehouse
- They Might Be Gypsies, 1:00 pm-1:45 pm
- Teagan & the Tweeds, 2:15 pm-3:00 pm
- Matthew Carefully, 3:30 pm-4:15 pm
- Patti Rothberg, 4:45 pm-5:30 pm

SATURDAY MAIN STAGE

- Washington Park Parade Grounds
- Dan Mangan, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
- Sam Roberts Band, 2:30 pm-3:30 pm
- Cold War Kids, 4:00 pm-5:30 pm

SUNDAY AMPITHEATER STAGE

- Washington Park Lakehouse
- 13th Annual Mother of the Year Award, 12:00 pm-12:45 pm. Presented by St. Peter's Women's & Children's Services, Times Union & B95.5 FM.
- Bryan Thomas, 1:00 pm-1:45 pm
- The Rodeo Barons, 2:15 pm-3:00 pm
- Black Mountain Symphony, 3:30 pm-4:15 pm
- Sgt. Dunbar & The Hobo Banned, 4:45 pm-5:30 pm

SUNDAY MAIN STAGE

- Washington Park Parade Grounds
- Zumba! with instructor Carla Schlist, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
- Blotto, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm
- Marrakesh Express: A Tribute to Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, 3:30 pm-5:00 pm

WILLET & HUDSON PARK ENTRANCE

Dutch Barn Building. The Dutch Barn Preservation Society and the National Barn Alliance raise a model barn in authentic Dutch style, bringing Albany's history to

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By Mac Mowbray



The Parts Warehouse is located at:
89 Lexington Avenue,
465-2987

Hours:
Wednesday-Friday
noon to 5 pm
Saturday
9 am to 5 pm

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

The faithful volunteers of HAF, as we speak (or as I write), are finishing up a large salvage on the growing campus of the College of St. Rose, where officials are planning new dormitories and, accordingly, are demolishing some houses along Madison Avenue and Partridge and Yates Streets. The college was kind enough to allow HAF to salvage the architectural house parts from these late 19th and early 20th century homes.

On Monday, April 4th, John Carson, HAF Warehouse Manager, and his crew of faithful salvagers went at it in the pouring rain. Although salvage can be fun, it is definitely much less so in the rain or extreme cold. Remember the heat is off in these places. Even so, we were fortunate to get many of the things that we find easy to sell to those who are trying to faithfully restore their historic homes. Following is a partial list of what we were able to get on Monday. And, I expect that what is actually pulled out on Tuesday will not be that different; but stop by the warehouse just to see if we missed anything.

Let's start with the items that are important to those of you who are putting the "basics" back into your house. The stronger members of our crew (you notice I did not say motley) pulled out many fine hot water radiators in various popular sizes. These are heavy cast iron with a plain design (circa 1920s)—hugely expensive to purchase new. Our banister and spindle specialist, Peter Leue, rescued at least a half dozen railings and spindles from late Victorian and early 20th century houses. These are wonderful for those of you who are replacing stairways that were removed years ago. Another great find: at least a dozen of the common size 6-panel doors (circa 1880 to 1920). They all match and have all the original ornate hardware: hinges, lock sets and strike plates, the latter an oval-topped design (Patented May 1, 1900) And the bonus: they do not need paint and are ready to hang. These have lasted 111 years and are ready for 111 more. We also got many linear feet of refinished woodwork that looks brand new. This stuff has to be seen to be believed. Add in a few mantle pieces and some stained glass, some doors and drawers from built-in dining room cabinets, and some miscellaneous light fixtures and you have quite a nice haul. Stop in ASAP to see these and some of the things I may have missed,

In addition to all these goodies, we have a list of many items already in the warehouse. Right up front in our "Showroom Section" we have some assorted antique chairs, including a child's wicker chair. Moving to the front we have a round oak pedestal table and a General Electric 1930's Monitor top refrigerator that does not work. It is the standard size. Close by, there are some old floor lamps without shades, a brass-plated steel bedstead, a corner marble sink with back splash (no bowl), a push lawn mower (good exercise!) and an old rocker that needs recaning. If you are not into work and just want some stuff to accessorize your home, how about some old kitchen utensils or an old kerosene tank on a pedestal. We also have an old console radio from the 1940's that could be just right for your living room.

Since the heating season is not yet over and we can't predict when or if it will be, perhaps a Franklin stove or a Victorian style wood stove would be just the thing to take the chill off your home. Ours are well broken in and reasonably priced. You could even use one of our 19th century wooden chests to store your wood in. In the other 10,000 square feet of warehouse space there are some really old plaster medallions, about 140 years. And, we still have a good selection of light globes, both antique and modern.

Finally, continuing through the warehouse proper where some of our best bargains are, we have on our "Free Table" some lights and some fans, all too new to be sold with our regular antique and collectible merchandise. A special bargain is our Albany Court House doors. And we have the beautiful solid brass hardware that comes with them. These doors are two inches thick and very solid. Some have glass panes and some have panels. They are suitable for exterior use or interior use in a large building. The wood is beautiful, but does need stripping and refinishing. And, we still have plenty of cement tiles with traditional and contemporary designs. There are enough for a bath, kitchen or vestibule. We also have some good metal kitchen cabinets, ideal for an apartment, very durable. And, for those of you who want to save energy and go back to basics, we have an old porcelain wash tub. Uses no energy of any kind . . . except yours!

As a bonus, we have a 4½ foot claw-foot tub. It's nice, so hurry, it will not last. Also 42 square feet of cork tile, parapet tiles, modern hardware (cheap) many colored bathroom sinks (cheap). Lots of French doors, both single and double, some paving bricks and old tools.

That's it for this edition of *Capital Neighbors*. But do come see us at 89 Lexington Avenue; noon to 5:00 pm Wednesday through Friday and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays. Ask for manager John Carson. But do it soon. You don't want to be shut out by that neighbor again . . . you know, the one who always seems to have been "up and at 'em" for two or three hours by the time you get up on Saturday morning!

PLEASE VISIT US!

**Wednesday-Friday, noon to 5 pm;
Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm**

Tulip Festival Drinking to be Controlled

In an effort to make the Tulip Festival more family friendly (it takes place on Mothers' Day), outside alcohol will be banned, and sanctioned drinking confined to a beer garden near the main stage, with admission controlled through the use of wristbands. Anyone caught with an open alcoholic beverage container elsewhere in the park will be subject to an open-container violation. *Source: Times Union 4/13/11.*

Volunteer! from page 1

corner of the world gives us a happier, healthier and, ultimately, safer place to live. With that in mind, your neighborhood associations have identified areas in which they need help. See the "classifieds" below and find a match!

★ Center Square Association

Contact Information: info@centersquare.org or call CSA President Kelly Bush at 463-8250

CSA is looking for volunteers to help on the following committees: membership, zoning and codes, finance, communications, and historic resource preservation. Positions include committee chairs and members.

★ Hudson/Park Neighborhood Association

Contact Information: info@hudsonpark.org

H/PNA is looking for people who are interested in being groomed for future leadership positions in the association. In addition, assistance is needed, through its Block Captain program, with membership recruitment and information dissemination. And, one of the best things that H/PNA residents can do is volunteer to keep the areas around their residences clean and neat.

★ Park South Neighborhood Association

Contact Information: PSNA President Andrew Harvey at aach2004@aol.com PSNA encourages all residents to attend association meetings and to volunteer to work on quality of life projects such as periodic clean-ups, restarting the Walk & Watch program, organizing a National Night Out event and or following up with the city on code violations within the neighborhood.

For more volunteer opportunities check the *Capital Neighbors Business Guide* on page 12 for Not-for-Profit Organizations/ Public Service listings in our neighborhoods.



This is just a small sampling of arts and cultural events happening in and around our neighborhood this season. Please contact the sponsoring organization for more information and complete schedules.

Capital Happenings

Compiled by Colleen Ryan

Albany County Historical Association
Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place; 436-9826;
www.tenbroeckmansion.org

Why Did They Come Here?, 5/12, 7:00 pm. Presented by Robert Arnold, III, public historian, College of Saint Rose. Mr. Arnold is a career public historian, retired from the New York State Archives. He is also a past Albany County Historian and historical archeologist and a Commissioner of Historic Resources for the City of Albany. The weekend of May 14th and 15th has been designated as New York Heritage Weekend. Arnold's investigation into the events and circumstances that influenced our ancestors' emigration to this country will set the stage for the weekend's festivities. On site parking available.

Albany Institute of History & Art
125 Washington Avenue; 463-4478; www.albanyinstitute.org
Helvetica and the New York City Subway, 5/22, 2:00 pm. As part of the *Graphic Design - Get the Message!* exhibit, the author will discuss and sign his recently-released book from MIT Press. Paul Shaw is an award-winning graphic designer, typographer and calligrapher. For years, the signs in the New York City subway system were a bewildering hodgepodge of lettering styles, sizes, shapes, materials, colors and messages. Efforts to untangle this visual mess began in the mid-1960s when the city transit authority hired the design firm Unimark International to create a clear and consistent sign system. This book tells the story of how typographic order triumphed over chaos. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Albany Roundtable Civic Luncheon Series
University Club, 141 Washington Avenue at Dove Street
www.albanyroundtable.com,
www.albanyroundtable.blogspot.com
An Evening with Janet Flammang, 5/18, 6:00-8:00 pm, \$30. The Albany Roundtable's Annual Meeting will feature visiting speaker Janet Flammang, a writer, professor and chair of political science at California's Santa Clara University, and the author of *The Taste for Civilization: Food, Politics and Civil Society*, (Champaign, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2009). The book explores the idea that table activities—the mealtime rituals of food preparation, serving and dining—lay the foundation for a proper education on the value of civility, the importance of the common good and what it means to be a citizen. The meeting is open to the public and includes a reception with light fare and open bar from 6:00-7:00 pm and a presentation from the author at 7:00 pm. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the University Club at 463-1151.

Albany Public Library
161 Washington Avenue, 427-4300, www.albanypubliclibrary.org
Visit the elegantly refurbished Pruyn Room. The Pruyn Collection of Albany History is the local history collection of the Albany Public Library. It is housed in the Albany History Room on the second floor of the Main Library. Albany's long and fascinating history can be explored through books, pamphlets, clippings, newspapers and photographs. The lives of citizens can be discovered through city directories, census records and newspapers. The Pruyn Collection hours are Monday from 5:00-8:00 pm, Wednesday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, and Friday from 2:00-5:00 pm. City Historian Tony Opalka is available Monday evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm. For more information call 427-4327.

Albany Aquaducks
Quackenbush Square; 518-462-DUCK;
www.albanyaquadducks.com
Aquaduck SPLASHDOWN Tours Resume, 4/18. Special themed tours this year include Sunset Cruises, Henry Hudson Planetarium visits, luncheon tours and "Everybody's Birthday" parties - to name just a few! Adults \$28/Seniors-Military \$25/Children (4-12) \$16.

Capital Rep
111 North Pearl Street; 445-SHOW; www.capitalrep.org
Kingdom of the Shore World Premiere, through 5/15. The four Moloney sisters have a problem. What to do with the house that has been the family's summer retreat for over fifty years? A symbol of their ascendancy to the American upper middle class from Irish immigrant roots, it has become a battlefield for clashing memories and poignant disillusionment. In this new drama, an eventful June weekend leads the sisters to draw back the lace curtain on the disenchantment of Irish-Americans at the end of the rainbow when they discover the pot of gold has tarnished. *By Terence Lamude*

eba Center for Dance & Fitness
351 Hudson Avenue; 459-9916; www.eba-arts.org
Maude Baum and Company Spring Salon Concert, 5/14, 15, 20, 21, 7:30 pm. Dance Theatre to please the mind, body and soul. Dance works by Cliff Keuter, Kevin Wynn and Maude Baum will light up your mind and make you think, feel the pulsing rhythms of the street, indulge your senses in the beauty of the romantic, see spoken word come to life and leave you wanting more.

The Egg

473-1845; www.theegg.org
American Roots & Branches

- **Bruce Cockburn Band**, 5/7, 8:00 pm, \$24.50. One of the finest singers, songwriters and guitarists of his generation, with classic songs including "Wondering Where The Lions Are" and "If I Had a Rocket Launcher", Bruce Cockburn performs with his band. Singer, songwriter and violinist Jenny Scheinman opens the concert.
- **Dave Attell**, 5/21, 8:00 pm, \$29.50 (advance), \$34.50 (day of show). Dave Attell was named one of the "25 Funniest People in America" by Entertainment Weekly Magazine. His caustic wit, rapid-fire delivery and his choice of material that can best be described as "very adult" has earned him the reputation as a "comic's comic."

First Friday—many locations
Upstate Artists Guild, 247 Lark Street;
www.upstateartistsguild.org; 426-3501

- **Garden Variety - UAG Gallery Show**, 5/6. An exhibition of artwork inspired by flowers, plants, and other green things that sprout from the earth. With featured artist, Shannon Russell.
- **Salon des Refuses - UAG Gallery Show**, 6/3. An exhibition featuring rejected submissions from the Mohawk Hudson Regional, with featured artist, Margye Zitomer.
- **Big Top, UAG Gallery Show**, 7/1. An exhibition of artwork inspired by the circus. With featured artist, G.L. Gould, and side room artist, Onna Adams. Window display by Carriage House Art Center.

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life before your eyes. (All day.)

KIDZONE SATURDAY & SUNDAY

- Arts & crafts, facepainting, balloon artist, rock climbing wall, pony rides and much more!
- KidZone Stage: PoppyTown Puppets, 12:00 pm, 2:15 pm, 4:30 pm; Steven Richard Lindholm, 12:45 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:15 pm; Jeffery Jene, 1:30 pm, 3:45 pm

GO GREEN TO THE FESTIVAL!

- Ride your bicycle to Tulip Fest and park at the bike racks, near Willett Street & Madison Avenue.
- Or take the CDTA shuttle! Buses run continuously to Washington Park from Eagle Street Garage (at Eagle Street and Madison Avenue) and Elk Street Parking Lot (at Elk & Hawk Streets).

SPECIAL GROUND RULES

- No alcohol of any kind. Alcohol may be purchased on the park grounds (with proper identification).
- No glass containers of any kind, animals or pets (excludes ADA-defined service animals).
- Security personnel reserve the right to inspect any bag, container or package and confiscate any prohibited or illegal items.
- No recording of performers or presentations.
- All attendees should be prepared to present age identification at any time if they intend to consume alcohol.

For additional information or to volunteer, call 434-2032, visit www.albanyevents.org or follow on Facebook and Twitter @ albanyNYevents

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Tulip Festival Emergency No Parking/Street Closures

Closures: Friday, May 6, 2011

- State Street from Eagle to Lodge Streets, closed to traffic from 10:30 am-12:30 pm.

No Parking: Friday, May 6, 2011

- Emergency No Parking will be in effect on both sides of State Street from 11:00 am-12:30 pm (Eagle to Lodge Streets). Violators will be ticketed and towed.
- Henry Johnson Boulevard, 90 feet North of Hudson Avenue, 6:00 am.

No Parking: Saturday, May 7 & Sunday, May 8, 2011

- Emergency No Parking will be in effect on all park roadways from 6:00 am on Saturday until 6:00 pm on Sunday. This is restricted to vendor parking with proper festival permit in window. Violators will be ticketed and towed. (Streets include Lancaster, Albany Plan of Union Avenue and Sprague Place.)

Closures: Saturday, May 7 & Sunday, May 8, 2011

- All streets in Washington Park west of Willett Street will be closed to traffic from 12:01 am (Saturday)-10:00 pm (Sunday).
- Lancaster Street and Hudson Avenue will be closed at Lark Street; local traffic only (10:00 am closure).
- Willett Street closed; local traffic only (10:00 am closure).
- Englewood Place will be closed to traffic from 6:00 am-6:00 pm.

No Parking: Saturday, May 7 & Sunday, May 8, 2011

- Emergency No Parking will be in effect on Englewood Place and Thurlow Terrace from 6:00 am-6:00 pm.
- CTDA, 5/7(10:00 am-8:00 pm) and 5/8 (10:00 am-8:00 pm)
 1. State Street, SW Corner at Henry Johnson Boulevard, 4 spaces
 2. S. Pearl Street, SW Corner at State Street, 2 spaces
 3. Madison Avenue, NW Corner at Grand Street, 3 spaces
 4. Elk Street, North and South sides at Eagle, 3 spaces
 5. Elk Street, North Side at Hawk Street, 3 spaces

For residents whose parking is affected by the Festival, free parking is available at:

- East Parking Garage (corner of Madison Avenue and Eagle Street); Friday, May 6th after 4:00 pm until Monday, May 9th 6:00 am.
- Cathedral and Museum Visitors Lot; May 7th and 8th 2:00 pm-6:00 am (daily).
- Elk Street, state lots; Friday, May 6th after 4:00 pm until Monday, May 9th 6:00 am.

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National Upholstery, 231 Lark St., 434-1458. Upholstery and gift shop; locally produced textile crafts.
The End of the Day, 221 Lark St., 434-3236. Antiques and specialty tea shop.
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Terry's News, 302 Lark St., 432-0331.

Books
Dove & Hudson Old Books, 296 Hudson Ave., 432-4518. Used books and publishers' overstocks.

Churches
Cathedral of All Saints, 62 S. Swan St., 465-1342, fax 465-1346, e-mail swaneif@msn.com.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Corner of Eagle St. and Madison Ave., 463-4447. All are welcome.
First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Ave., 463-1326; www.firstlutheranalbany.org. Oldest Lutheran Congregation in North America.
The Focus Churches:

- **Emmanuel Baptist**, 275 State St., 465-5161.
 - **First Presby.**, 362 State St., 449-7332.
 - **Israel AME**, 381 Hamilton St., 463-8779.
 - **Trinity Methodist**, 235 Lark St., 463-1293.
 - **Westminster Presby.**, 262 State St., 436-8544.
- Metropolitan Community Church**, 275 State St.
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 475 State St., 463-0571, www.Luther95.net/SPELC-ANYI>
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State Street., 434-3502.
Wilborn Temple, 121 Jay St., 465-7561.

Clothing
Capital Kidzwear, 204 Washington Ave., 462-2791. Affordable children's apparel and accessories.
DAval's Clothiers, Inc., 153 South Pearl St., 221-1405. "Rebirth of Style." Off-site consultations.
Shining Star, 244 Lark St., 465-5520. Contemporary clothing, gifts, incense club.
The Waldorf Tuxedo Company, Lark/Lancaster Sts., 449-5011. Formal wear sales and rentals.
Unique Blends, 116 Madison Ave., 432-7495.

**Dry Cleaning/
Laundromats/Tailors**
Dan's Cleaners, 284 Lark St., 465-7519. Quality dry cleaning.

Dove St. Laundromat, Corner Dove and Lancaster Sts. Self-service.
In-Towne Laundry, 14 Delaware Ave., 462-9313. Drop-off service available.
Mansion Hill Laundromat, 167 Madison Ave.
Rocco's, 220 Lark St., 426-4843. Laundromat.
Speed-Wash, 451 Madison Ave. Do-it-yourself Laundromat.

Flowers
Lark St. Flower Market, 262 Lark St., 427-9466. "We push petals."

Dental/Medical
Bert Isen, 16 Delaware Ave., 434-4408. Chiropractic services for children and adults; accept most insurance.
Abdul Khan, 25 Dove St., 463-0522. Dentist

**Not-for-Profit Organizations/
Public Service**
Albany Area Housing Opportunities, 246 Hudson Ave., 434-8584.
Albany Center Gallery, 39 Columbia St., 462-4775, www.albanycentergalleries.org. Exhibiting regional contemporary art.
Albany Damien Center, 12 S. Lake Ave., 449-7119. Drop-in community center for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Call for event calendar.
Boys & Girls Club, 19 Delaware Ave., 462-5528.
Neil Breslin, NYS Senate, 455-2225.
Capital District Association of Rental Property Owners (CDARPO), PO Box 11097, Albany 12211-0097, rmcraw@dasny.org, 588-6588. Educational and networking for property owners with a focus on community involvement.
Capital District Gay and Lesbian Community Council, 332 Hudson Ave., 462-6138.
Children's Defense Fund, 247 Lark St.
Dominick Calsolaro, Council Member, 463-3356.
Richard Conti, Council Member, 436-8546.
Christopher Higgins, County Legislator, 320,8580.
Carolyn McLaughlin, Council Member, 462-1458.
Environmental Advocates, 353 Hamilton St., 462-5526.
Equinox Community Services, Inc., 95 Central Ave., tel 434-6135, fax 434-4502.
Historic Albany Foundation/Historic Albany Parts Warehouse, 83-89 Lexington Ave., 465-2987.

Housing Works, 247 Lark St. Housing for homeless people living with AIDS/HIV.
Lark Street Neighborhood District Management Association, 245 Lark St., 434-3861. *The Heart of Albany.*
Maternal Infant Network of the Capital Region, 307 Hamilton St., 426-1153.
Jack McEneny, NYS Assembly, 455-4178.
New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, 353 Hamilton St., 426-8246.
NYS Association of Black & Puerto Rican Legislators, 174 S. Swan St., 427-8363.
Nutrition Consortium, 235 Lark St., 463-1293.
Senior Services of Albany, 25 Delaware Ave., 465-3322.
Resource Center, Inc., 291 Hudson Ave., 463-9242 or 800-811-1175. NYS advocate on mental health services.
South End Improvement Corp., 38 Catherine St., 436-8777. Grant assistance for home repairs.

Professional Services
Association of Architects, 235 Lark St., 449-3334.
Becker & Becker, 21 Wilbur St., 462-5814. Attorneys and counselors at law.
Brownstone Graphics, 303 Hudson Ave., 434-8707. Graphic design.
Frank A. Catalano, 154 Madison Ave., 432-5810. Attorney at law.
Capital Eduation Network, 132 S. Swan St., 434-0876. Financial consulting.
Center for Body/Mind Awareness, 4 Central Ave., 463-5145.
Center Square Counseling Services, 245 Lark St., 465-9700.
Hamel Realty, 291 Hudson Ave., 434-3591.
Hounds on the Hudson, 210-1708. Dog walking and pet care.
Key Bank of New York, Lark St. & Washington Ave. 463-1228; 135 S. Pearl St., 453-1637.
Lewis Oliver, Jr., Esq., 156 Madison Ave., 463-7962.
Math Tutoring, Christina Blais, 148 Lancaster St., 427-6284. From fractions to Course A and GED.
Metroland, 419 Madison Ave., 463-2500. Alternative news weekly.
New York International Real Estate Corp., 138 Green St., 434-1481, nyirec@aol.com. Property management and brokerage.
NYS Association of Architects/American Institute of Architects, 235 Lark St., 465-3191.


NYS Chiropractic Association, 245 Lark St., 455-8817.
Pastures Village Chiropractic, 111 Green St., 436-8053.
oen services, 248 Lark St., 221-8968. Computer repair, diagnostics, set up, and tune up. oenservices@gmail.com
Picasso Digital, 463-3396. Document scanning, print/copy, photography, Web page design.
Plaza Office Center, Corner of S. Swan St. and Hudson Ave., 465-3995. Office rental, voice mail, fax, copying, typing services.
Randall E. Kehoe, 127 Madison Ave., 465-2211. Attorneys at law.
Robin's Nest Construction & Renovation, 9 Blecker Place, 449-2935. Custom carpentry, tile, furniture, doors/windows/trim and more.
Keller Williams, 869-2222 x212. Eileen Carroll Rosen, licensed sales associate.
The Center for Nia and Yoga, 4 Central Ave., 364-5145, www.nia-yoga.com.

Specialty Shops
99 Cents and More, 141 S. Pearl St., 436-7618.
Albany Tattoo, 174 Madison Ave., 463-6604.
Cottage Herb Farm Shop, 311 State St., 465-1130. Herbs, spices, rare teas and gifts.
Elissa Halloran Designs, 225 Lark St., 432-7090. Funky designs for the body and the home.
Joanna Hetman, Jewelry Artist, 211 Lark St., 434-3829.
Lark Street Tattoo, 274 Lark St., 432-1905. Custom tattooing in all styles.
Little Moon, 467 Madison Ave., 434-6018. Tibetan gift shop.
Romeo's Gifts, 299 Lark St., 434-4014. Beauty and style made affordable.
Simple Gifts, 20 Elm St. 465-0582.
Viva Lark Vegas, 273 Lark St. 434-4907. Professional body piercing.

Sports
The Downtube, 466 Madison Ave., 434-1711. Bicycles for the entire family.
Seasons Skate Shop, 211 Lark St., 729-2685. Skating equipment and supplies.
Universal Martial Arts & Fitness Center, 116 Madison Ave., 427-6308.

• **Dining Guide:** **Albany Coffee Shop**, 222 Lark St., 465-9029. Sam's home cooking, featuring breakfast and lunch. **Amazing Wok**, 267 Lark St., 434-3946. Chinese take-out food. **Angelo's Submarine**, 133 Madison Ave., 463-1357. Submarine sandwiches. **Angel's Café and B&B**, 96 Madison Ave., 426-4104. Breakfast/luncheon. **Ben & Jerry's**, 250 Lark St., 463-7182. Ice cream cakes for all occasions. **Bombers Burrito Bar**, 258 Lark St., 463-9636. Serving enormous burritos, tacos, quesadillas and chili. **Bongiorno's Restaurant**, 23 Dove St., 462-9176. Veal is the house specialty. **Café Capriccio**, 49 Grand St., 465-0439. Northern Italian. **Caffe Vero**, 260 Lark Street, Italian Espresso Bar. **Café Hollywood**, 275 Lark St., 472-9043. Albany's fun and funky video bar. **Café 217**, 12½ Delaware Ave., 462-0050. Visit www.cafe217.com. **Casa Oaxaca**, 54 Philip St., 433-7240. Mexican café. **Cheesecake Machismo**, 293 Hamilton St., 427-7019, 429-9012. **Crisan**, 197 Lark St., 445-2727. Bakery and edible art gallery. **Debbie's Kitchen**, 456 Madison Ave., 463-3829. Unique sandwiches, soups and baked goods. **DeJohn's Restaurant and Pub**, 288 Lark St., 465-5275. **Dino's Pizza**, 420 Madison Ave., 396-3466. **Dunkin Donuts**, Corner Lark St. and Madison Ave., 436-5297. Donuts and coffee. **Elda's On Lark**, 207 Lark St., 449-3532. **El Loco Mexican Café**, 465 Madison Ave., 436-1855. Traditional Mexican specialties. **El Mariachi**, 289 Hamilton St., 432-7580; 144 Washington Ave., 465-2568. Fine Mexican/Spanish cuisine. **Golden Dragon**, 145 Madison Ave., 433-8057. Chinese take-out. **Grand St. Imports**, 77 Grand St., 465-8465. Fresh meats, produce and groceries. **Hoda Deli**, 130 Madison Ave. **Hill Street Café**, 180 Madison Ave., 462-3544. A sports bar with great food. **Hot Dog Heaven**, 216 Lark St., 465-3837. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. **J.G.'s Pizza**, 195 Lark St., 465-1922. Traditional, white and gourmet pizza. **Justin's**, 301 Lark St., 436-7008. Extraordinary food, jazz and art. **Katrinella's Restaurant**, 123 ½ Madison Avenue, 512-5116, www.katrinellasbistro.com, Italian. **Lark Street Deli & Catering**, 196 Lark St., 436-9396. Specialty sandwiches. **Legends Sports Bar**, 288 Lark St., 275-4900. Big screen TVs with pub fare. **Lil' Buddha**, 274 Lark St., 443-0029. Small plates, organic, veggie/vegan friendly, tea. **Lombardo's Restaurant**, 119-121 Madison Ave., 462-9180. Fine Italian food. **Mamoun's Mideast Café**, 206 Washington Ave., 434-3901. Mediterranean cuisine. **Mansion Hill Inn**, 115 Philip St., 465-2038. **Maria's Spanish Food**, 185½ Lark St., 472-9429. **McGuire's**, 353 State St., 463-2100. Fine Dining. **Metro Mini Mart**, 165 Madison Ave., 449-1491. Groceries, deli and ATM. **New Image Deli**, 179 S. Pearl St., 463-5439. **Oh Bar**, 304 Lark St., 463-9004. An alternative neighborhood bar. American cuisine. **Price Chopper Supermarket**, 40 Delaware Ave., 465-2603. Open 24 hours. **Ramona's**, 290 Lark St., 449-2010. Open 7 days, breakfast and lunch. **Romeo's Pizza**, 187 Lark St., 449-9000. **Scratch Bakery & Café**, 452 Madison Ave., 465-2233. Fresh baked goods and deli. **Simply Fish**, 147 S. Pearl St., 396-3474. **Soho Pizza**, 269 Lark St., 449-1111. Greenwich Village style brick oven pizza and more. **Stephanie's Deli**, 145 Madison Ave., 432-4540. **Sukkothai**, 254 Lark St., 463-0223. Thai food restaurant. **Stella Del Mare**, 123 Madison Ave., 434-0310. Groceries, deli, Italian specialties. **The Daily Grind**, 204 Lark St., 434-1482. Full café menu with great coffee. **The Lionheart Blues Café**, 448 Madison Ave., 436-9530. **The New Madison Grill**, 331 Madison Ave., 434-1938. "Best pizza in town." **V & R Restaurant**, 136 Madison Ave., 626-0001. Italian, daily specials. **Zuzu's Wonderful Life, Inc.**, 299-301 Hamilton St., 426-1269. Healthy snacks/salads. **Wine Bar & Bistro**, 200 Lark St., 463-2881. European style wines and lite fare.

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