THE SLOAN CONNECTION

KEEPING OUR VILLAGE RESIDENTS INFORMED AND CONNECTED WINTER/SPRING 2022

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR THOMAS FERRUCCI

Recently, I had the honor of attending the Annual State of the Town hosted by the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce. Town Supervisor Diane Benczkowski spoke at length about the businesses moving into the Town and the partnerships with our local and state officials. Similar to Sloan, Cheektowaga is under Order on Consent by the DEC to complete mandatory repairs to its sanitary sewer system. The Village and the Town are working collaboratively for the upcoming Request for Proposals of Public Works Equipment and Operators, Tree Services,

Concrete restoration, Manhole rehabilitation and more.

In 2022, residents on Celina Street will see storm grade drainage upgrades to correct elevation issues, the repair of drain inlets and the installation of curbs with the goal of directing the flow of storm water and alleviating basement flooding and street ponding. After the work is complete, the street will be milled and paved in late fall. The work will be funded through both Community Development Block Grant and the use of ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) monies. Mann Street will be completed in the last Phase of this project, scheduled for 2023.

Throughout the pandemic, our Board meetings have been broadcast on the Sloan Facebook page. With the easing of restrictions, we will return to in-person meetings when Governor Hochul lifts the mandate. The Village has hosted two drive-through distributions, providing over 700 at-home test kits and 8,000 KN95 masks. Future distributions will be held as supplies are received from NYS.

Thomas Ferruccí, Mayor

FROM ERIC CZUBAJ, DEPUTY MAYOR & RECREATION DIRECTOR

As Recreation Director, the Mayor and I annually review and discuss the needs of both Griffith and Wrazen Street Parks. Last year, County Legislator Tim Meyers awarded us a grant of \$15,000 for improvements Wrazen to Park. The continued impact of Covid delayed our 2021 planned improvements but this year will see the installation of new equipment, removal of the old shelter and other upgrades. We are in the

process of applying for a legislative grant for a much needed overhaul of the sports arena in Griffith Park to include resurfacing, fencing and a conversion of one court to the much loved pickle ball.

Located on page two of this issue is an order form to sponsor an 8" X 8" engraved brick on our planned Memorial Walkway in Griffith Park. Creating a pathway in the park from the new shelter to the ADA compliant playset enables easy access for adult and children with disabilities. All funds raised by the Sloan Arts Council for the Memorial Pathway will be used towards park amenities and beautification.

On April 16, 2022, pending any restrictions, the Village will be holding its Annual Easter Event at the Sloan Fire Hall. It will begin at 12:00pm and all Village children age 14 and under are welcome to participate!

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FROM MARY MOLLY SHEA, DIRECTOR SCCH

The Sloan Comfort Care Home (SCCH) opened this past August on the St. Andrew Church campus. The Comfort Care system has been active throughout the U.S. but the Sloan Home is the first founded in Erie County. Their mission is to provide care for individuals near the end of their life without fear of suffering, loss of dignity, or financial expense for themselves and their families. Since opening. the SCCH has successfully cared for over 12 guests, ensuring their

FROM PAULA BRUSCANI, TRUSTEE

We are all frustrated with the high costs of internet speed and the extremely limited providers in our Village. With your help, we can make a change. Greenlight Networks is expanding into our area and claims to be the fastest, most competitively priced internet provider in New York. To increase our chance of having access to their service, we must prove customer interest by visiting their website at www.greenlightnetworks.com or click on the link from the Village of Sloan's website page. From there, click on the green box at the top marked "Get Greenlight" and fill in the info box that pops up. Once the form is completed, click on "Check Availability" and con-

peaceful death surrounded by

their loving families and staff.

Their hope of being operated

primarily by volunteers has

been hampered by the pandem-

ic, necessitating the employ-

ment of paid caregivers. The

impact has resulted in the

SCCH struggling financially

and they are seeking communi-

ty assistance through a mone-

tary donation or donations of

much needed everyday items

(i.e. Tide detergent, bleach, pa-

per towels, trash bags, toilet

paper, postage and single serve beverage items). Donations can be made directly to SCCH at 17 Gierlach Street as well as monetary gifts via personal check, Paypal (Account Health Community INC, Sloan Comfort Care) or Venmo @SloanComfortCareHome. The SCCH is always seeking volunteers in any capacity, especially for direct patient care, and training will be provided. They can be reached at (716) 931-5011. Your ongoing support is so vital to keeping their palliative care mission possible!

firm your address. You will get a message that they are not accepting orders. You must scroll to the bottom of the page, reenter your information and hit submit once again. Completing this process increases our chance of Greenlight internet service to be provided in the Village of Sloan and we can all save money!

FROM THE SLOAN ARTS COUNCIL

The Sloan Arts Council is sponsoring a Memorial Pathway in Griffith Park. Purchasing a brick is a wonderful way to give an everlasting tribute in memory of a loved one for years to come. Bricks can also be purchased by individuals, businesses and organizations to support this fundraiser. Sponsorship of an 8" X 8" engraved brick is \$50.00. All monies raised will be used towards Park amenities: picnic tables, flowers, sports equipment and for future maintenance of the walkway. Please complete this order form and return to Village Hall with payment (cash or check payable to the Sloan Arts Council).

Name:

Telephone

14 characters per line, 3 lines per paver. Please print uppercase only.

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FROM VINCENT FERRARACCIO, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

In conjunction with Title 19 Part 1203, New York State mandates the tri-annual inspection of all multi-dwelling structures in our municipality. A multi-dwelling is any residentially occupied structure with three or more apartments. If you own one of these properties, you can contact Village Hall at 897-1560 to arrange an inspection. The cost will be \$25.00/per unit. The required inspection will include life and safety issues, along with general property maintenance of both interior and exterior areas, and accessory structures (fencing, garage, shed etc.). This inspection is required every three years. My office will be mailing out applications in the next few weeks if your inspection is scheduled for 2022.

The Sloan Seniors meet every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00am to 1:00pm. at the Piekarski Community Center, 140 Halstead Ave. Hot lunches and frozen take-home meals are provided through the Erie County Nutrition Program. Participate in Bingo, Pokeeno, trips, card games with new friends and more! Please consider joining this great program!! Call 897-1389 for more information.

The Frank L. Gierlach Post 1320, 50 Gates Street, will host its' annual drive through Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 10th from 12:00 to 4:00pm or until gone! The cost per person will be \$10.00 (cash only) and no pre-orders accepted. The dinner includes: salad, bread, butter and dessert.

If you are a veteran who served between 1941 until the present day, you are eligible to join the American Legion. The Frank L. Gierlach Post is always looking for new members! We are located in the Village across the street from the Sloan Fire Company. If interested, please contact Wayne at 716-896-2954.

GRIFFITH PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Everyone's FAVORITE Summer Event in Griffith Park!! Mark your calendars for the following dates:

June 23rd - Crash Cadillac July 7th - Drivven July 21st - Route 33 August 4th - Two of Us August 18th - Superchargers

Tidbits and More...

*Daylight Savings Time ends March 13th– Turn your clocks AHEAD one hour!

*Turning 65 years old in 2022? NOW is the time to apply for Enhanced STAR. Deadline is **March 1st!**

*Overnight Parking Ban in effect from 2:00 to 7:00am until April 1st for the Village. *Renewing a registration with the DMV? Stop at Village Hall to pick up a "Green Envelope" to mail in your information. Using a Green Envelope keeps all money in Erie County to fund our local DMV offices, otherwise, it goes to Albany!

*The Little Free Pantry at St. Andrew Church is available 24-7 for those experiencing food insecurity. *Take what you need*, *leave what you can*. *Trustee Linda Ostempowski will be selling hanging flower baskets again this year. Watch the Sloan Facebook and website pages for upcoming info and order forms.

*St. Andrew Church will be hosting a Soup Lunch on March 22nd, a Lentin Retreat on March 27th and April 3rd. Holy Saturday Mass at 9:00am on April 16th and Blessing of the Baskets at 12:00 and 1:00pm. Easter Mass on April 17th at 8:00 and 11:00am. Call **892-0425** for further info!

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12TH ANNUAL SOUP ON SUNDAY

Everyone's favorite Sloan event is back this year.... with another twist! Due to ongoing Covid restrictions, we will be doing pre-orders and take-out only. The cost will be \$5.00/pint (16oz.). If you buy 4 pints, we will include two desserts for FREE. Just complete this form and return with payment to Debbie or Karen at Village Hall, 425 Reiman Street. Cash or check accepted. Pre-orders will be received until Thursday, March 3rd and pickup will be Sunday, March 6, 2022 from 12:00 to 2:00pm at the Sloan Fire Hall. Please mark the quantity of each soup you would like!

Chicken Wing	Stuffed Banana Pepper							
Seafood Chowder	Bacon Cheeseburger							
Chicken Cordon Bleu	Corn Chowder with Crab							
Reuben Chowder	Sausage & Chicken Jambalaya							
Split Pea	Taco Soup							
Golambki	Chili (Medium Heat)							
Loaded Baked Potato	'Lactose Free' Roasted Cauliflower							
Czarnina- Quarts only- \$10 per Quart								
Desserts can be purchased the day of the event- 1.00 /plate.								

TOTAL DUE: \$_____

NAME _____

TELEPHONE # _____

PAID \$ _____Cash __ or Check __ (Make Checks Payable to: Sloan Arts Council)

ORDER MUST BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022 AT THE SLOAN FIRE HALL, 55 GATES STREET. PLEASE BRING THIS RECEIPT WITH YOU, AS IT HAS YOUR ORDER NUMBER LISTED. THANK YOU!!! (Order # ____)

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