



Helderberg Neighborhood Association Newsletter July/August 2015

Neighborhood News

Neighborhood Pot-Luck and Picnic Scheduled for September 13 1:00 PM

Rain Date September 27



The annual picnic is scheduled for September 13th on the Sage College lawn on the corner of New Scotland and Academy. The picnic will be a great opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors, enjoy the last gasp of Summer, and have some good food. It also further cements the bonds that we have all built as a part of this great neighborhood. The HNA will be providing grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers.

Neighborhood residents are encouraged to bring a dish to share.

We are well on our way to a successful picnic, but we are still looking for volunteers and sponsors. Volunteers will be called upon to help with setup and cleanup, soliciting donations, and other tasks. Sponsors are sought for in-kind donations (like food) and monetary donations to help support the part of this picnic that the HNA will be covering. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring the picnic, please email the HNA board at hna@hnaalbany.com and let us know. Our new Events Committee Chair Bill Paton will be organizing the picnic.



Movie Nights Continue in Helderberg and Pine Hills Neighborhoods

The first two Movies Under the Stars went off without a hitch and were very well attended! These events are put on as a joint effort between the Helderberg Neighborhood Association and the Pine Hills Neighborhood Association, Christ's Church Albany, Steamer 10 Theater, and our sponsors: Rob Field State Farm, St. Peter's Hospital, Spinner's, Cafe Madison, and Junior's.

There are two free movies left this summer. They are shown in Pine Hills' Ridgefield Park and the Helderberg Neighborhood's Sage College campus lawn. There will be activities before each movie starting at 7:30. At 8:30, the projectors will fire up and the movie will light up the big screen!

Of course, we would not be able to offer these movies without the generous support of our neighborhood sponsors. If you see Rob Field or a representative of St. Peter's Hospital, Spinner's, Junior's, or Cafe Madison, make sure you tell them you appreciate their support!

Featured Neighborhood Business *Frank Smith Signs*

Each newsletter we will feature a different business located in our neighborhood, and in this edition we are proud to highlight **Frank Smith Signs!**

Frank Smith's signs have been marking houses, businesses, boats, and offices for over 35 years now. He and his family moved into the Helderberg Neighborhood in 1998. They were looking for a place with a village feel where the kids wouldn't get bored. Even with a 50 mile search radius, they found that a home on New Scotland Avenue in the Helderberg Neighborhood was the right place for them and settled in.



Originally, Frank had planned for his sign business to be run out of his new home; for a while it was. As business picked up and Frank found he was in need of more space, he moved his workshop over to Rensselaer County. Not long after that move, his circumstances dictated another move, this time back to Albany in the South End.

It would be misleading to say that Frank's only business is signs. In talking with him, he shared that he also does creative work like posters and fliers, pen and ink drawing, sculptures, portraits, landscapes, and bas-reliefs. Although his

workshop is elsewhere, he still does some of his work and lives on New Scotland Avenue in the heart of the Helderberg Neighborhood.

For more about Frank Smith Signs, check out his website at www.FrankSmithSigns.com. We here at the Helderberg Neighborhood Association are glad to have a fine artist and businessman like Frank Smith call our neighborhood home.

National Night Out Scheduled for August 4

August 4 marks the 31st annual National Night Out. On a national level, the event is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, whose mission is to help communities and police departments to prevent crime. The goal of National Night Out is to foster strong relationships between neighborhood members and the police.

If your block is interested in participating, contact Gary Tucker at 337-7207 or Janet Zalatan, Albany Police Department Center Station Community Services Officer at 458-5660. APD will set up barricades on your street for the event. You can use this as an opportunity to get to know your neighbors, start communication on your block, meet some APD officers, mingle with local politicians, and ultimately make our neighborhood a safer place. You might even get to meet McGruff the Crime Dog!



July Neighborhood Meeting Summary

Chris Spencer, ReZone Albany

Chris came to give an update on ReZone Albany, which is a 2 year rezoning effort in the City of Albany. The current city zoning regulations were put in place in 1969 with a minor update in 1993. The folks at ReZone Albany are focusing on updating the zoning to reflect the actual usage of land in the City of Albany. Chris shared that up-to-date zoning will help to stabilize property values, enhance and rebuild neighborhoods, and unleash development potential throughout the city. You can check out ReZone Albany's progress and sign up for updates at www.rezonealbany.com



Board Business

The board welcomes Bill Paton as our new Events Committee Chair. We have also welcomed a new volunteer to assist with the association's website: www.hnaalbany.com.

It was announced that newsletters will only be available at the Post Office and the Bach Branch Library.

The garage sale was a resounding success! A big thank you to all who participated and made it possible. All things told, more than 50 houses in the neighborhood participated in the sale. The feedback from all involved was overwhelmingly positive. It also seems like a lot of HNA members got an opportunity to clean out their attics and make a little money at the same time!

Common Council

Hon. Judy Doesschate (Ward 9) was seeking feedback from the community regarding Kuma Ani's recent application for a beer and wine license. They are a restaurant on New Scotland Avenue. If you have an opinion on the matter, contact Judy at (518) 459-2889 or by email at judydoesschate@nycap.rr.com. Hon. Cathy Fahey (Ward 7) shared that a common council meeting is scheduled to announce a new chief of police for the city. They will also be voting on the safe storage of firearms.

Upcoming HNA Events

HNA Public Meetings at Sage College rm 224 at 7:00

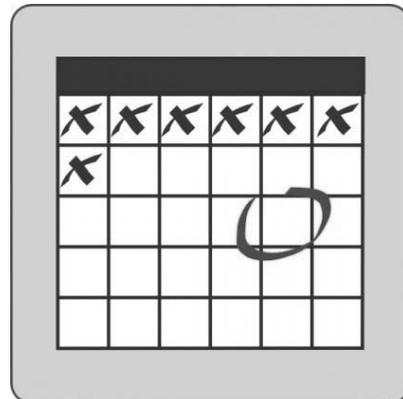
Wednesday September 16
Wednesday November 18

Movie Nights at Sage College at 7:30

Friday September 18 - Cinderella

Movie Nights at Ridgefield Park at 7:30

Friday August 21 - Big Hero 6



HNA Picnic:

September 13th at 1:00 PM (Rain Date September 27th)

We need **volunteers** and **sponsors** to help make these events successful! If you are interested in sponsoring an event or volunteering, please email hna@hnaalbany.com or call (662) 598-1462.

Call for HNA Board Members!

The HNA Board of Directors is seeking volunteers who love our neighborhood as much as we do! We're currently looking to fill three vacant positions:

Secretary - If you can make good notes on our meetings that keep everyone in the neighborhood aware of what is happening at our meetings, we want YOU!

Communications Director - Handy with emails and newsletters? Like to keep your Facebook account up-to-date? You're the one we're looking for!

Outreach Coordinator - Would you describe yourself as someone who likes to plan events and work with area businesses to make things happen? Apply!

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the board, please email hna@hnaalbany.com or call (662) 598-1462.



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What is the Helderberg Neighborhood Association?

We are a group of homeowners, renters and businesses dedicated to making the Helderberg neighborhood safe and enjoyable. We provide a way for members to share information, discuss issues and improve the neighborhood through actions, projects and events. Become a member and get "plugged in" today!

What do I get out of being a member of the Association?

- Emails - About everything - from lost pets to local crimes to fun activities.
- HNA Newsletter - Full of information and important dates!
- Neighborhood events - Garage sale, Movie Nights, Annual Picnic and more!
- Meetings - The membership meets 6 times a year to exchange information!
- Voting Rights - Paid members can vote on HNA actions and elections.*

** Must be within neighborhood boundaries to vote.*

How much does membership cost?

A 12 month membership is only \$5 for a household and just \$10 for businesses (includes a FREE advertisement in the newsletter). Just complete and mail the form below.

Can I advertise my business in the HNA Newsletter?

Sure! Our mailing list lets you reach hundreds of people and is a great value. A business membership is \$10 for 12 months and includes a free advertisement. \$95 gets you 7 ads, and includes your 12-month business membership fee! Just complete and mail the form below.

Yes! Please enroll me as a member of the Helderberg Neighborhood Association.

Enclosed is a check, made out to HNA, in the amount of \$_____for a (choose one):

- \$5 Household membership**
- \$10 Business membership**
- \$95 Business membership & 7 advertisements**

Date mailed: _____

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Mail to: **HNA**
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