



Helderberg Neighborhood Association Newsletter May/June 2015

Neighborhood News

Neighborhood Yard Sale Scheduled for June 13



An annual staple of the neighborhood association is just around the corner! The HNA Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 13 from 9:00 - 2:00 (rain date June 14). Not only is the yard sale a great chance to find some tremendous deals or make some money if you participate as a seller, but it is also a terrific opportunity to get out and talk to your neighbors! I hear it said over and over again that the Helderberg Neighborhood is so great because of its tight-knit feeling, and this annual sale is another opportunity to exhibit that unique closeness our neighborhood has.

If you are interested in participating in the sale, email HNA@HNAalbany.com OR call (662) 598-1462 and let us know your street address so we can add you to our list of houses on the website. An email will be sent at 5:00 pm Friday June 12th to let people know if the yard sale will be Saturday or Sunday (rain date held rain or shine). There will also be a voice mail greeting on the HNA voice mail letting folks know which day the sale will be, based on the weather forecast. Signs will be placed at participating street entrances on the morning of the sale along New Scotland Avenue and Hackett Blvd. We will be advertising in the Times Union in print and online, plus other online sites. You can place your own signs, balloons, etc. at your house to make it clear that you are having a lawn sale!

WHAT: 2015 Helderberg Neighborhood Yard Sale

WHEN: June 13th 9 am – 2 pm

WHERE: Streets between New Scotland Ave (both sides) and Hackett Blvd, from Academy Rd uptown to South Manning Blvd – LOOK FOR THE YELLOW AND BLACK SIGNS!

RAIN DATE INFORMATION:

An email / voice mail greeting will be sent / available to all people who signed up on FRIDAY June 12th at 5:00 pm. This will CONFIRM the event for SATURDAY June 13th, or ANNOUNCE it is being moved to SUNDAY June 14th due to rain. If the EVENT is moved to SUNDAY, it will be held RAIN OR SHINE!

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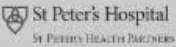



MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

In partnership with **Christ's Church Albany, Pine Hills Neighborhood Association, and Helderberg Neighborhood Association**, the following movie nights will offer free popcorn and bounce rides along with live music and family activities **1 hour before the movie (7:30 pm)**. Mark your calendars for:

June 19	July 17	Aug 21	Sept 18
Ridgefield Park @ 8:30 PM	Sage College @ 8:30 PM	Ridgefield Park @ 8:30 PM	Sage College @ 8:30 PM

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Free Movie Nights in Helderberg and Pine Hills Neighborhoods!

The Helderberg and Pine Hills Neighborhood Associations have come together again this year to plan Movies Under the Stars. This summer, there will be four free movies offered in Pine Hill's Ridgefield Park and the Helderberg Neighborhood's Sage College campus lawn. There will be free popcorn, bouncy rides, and live music before each movie starting at 7:30. At 8:30, the projectors will fire up and some great movies will light up the big screen!

Of course, we would not be able to offer these movies without the generous support of our sponsors. From the Helderberg Neighborhood, Rob Field of **Rob Field State Farm** offered to sponsor a movie, as did **St. Peter's Hospital**. If you see Rob or a representative of St. Peter's Hospital, make sure you let them know you appreciate their support!

Featured Neighborhood Business

June's Bow House

Each newsletter we will feature a different business located in our neighborhood, and in this edition we are proud to highlight **June's Bow House!**

HNA Resident June Overdorf was inspired to start her local business when she and her daughter saw hair bows at a craft fair and her daughter said, "Mom, you could make these!"



As it turned out, June COULD make those! Her friends saw the bows she made for her two-year-old granddaughter and wanted some for themselves. June knew that it had caught on when a friend's granddaughter asked if she could go to the "Bow House." Thus, **June's Bow House** was born.

It isn't only hair bows that June makes, but also ponios, flowers, jeweled headbands, key chains, flashlight holders, pacifier holders, jeweled ponytail holders, hair bow holders, zipper pulls, and jeweled and braided ribbon barrettes. She keeps a wide variety of ribbons on hand and has created pieces for people of all ages. She can also create custom party favors for your next big event!

If you want to check out the goods for yourself, look at **June's Bow House's Facebook Page** or go to New Covenant Presbyterian Church every other Tuesday from 3-6pm or the Harriman Campus Summer Craft Fair held between buildings 8A and 4 from 10-2 on 6/11, 7/16, 8/13, and 9/10.

Not only is June's Bow House a source of fabulous accessories, it's also one of the many businesses that makes the Helderberg Neighborhood so great! We're glad to have June's Bow House in our neighborhood!

May Neighborhood Meeting Summary

NneNna Ferguson, Capital CarShare

NneNna shared information about Capital CarShare - a service that allows people in the Capital District to have access to a car when they need one without the costs of ownership. There are currently 6 cars and over 100 members in the City of Albany taking part in this service. There are many financial, environmental, and possible health benefits of the service. CarShare is a two-level subscription service. There is a small day use fee which includes gas, insurance, and AAA. They are looking to expand, and are considering the Helderberg Neighborhood as a site. If you are interested, let them know so that they can add this service to the neighborhood! Currently, Capital CarShare is partnering with CDTA and offering a CDTA rolling swiper to people who become members. For more information, visit their website at www.CapitalCarShare.org or call them at (518) 545-4740.



Amanda Paeglow, Outreach Coordinator, City of Albany Department of Recreation

Amanda shared information about all the programs that are offered free of

charge by the Department of Recreation. There are many opportunities for children, including tennis, lacrosse, basketball, golf, baseball, a hiking club, soccer, and a running club which comes with a free pair of shoes for each participant! She also shared some services for adults in the community. One of the most popular classes offered is a senior fitness class at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church on Mondays and Wednesdays. That class currently has an average of 45 people! The Department of Recreation puts out a quarterly newsletter outlining all of the activities scheduled for that quarter. If you are interested, check out the **Department of Recreation's Facebook Page** or call them at **(518) 434-5699**.

Finally, the city's pools and spray pads will be opening on June 26.

Board Business

The board was informed by the City that responsibility for inspection and light maintenance of the Pinewood Avenue Rain Garden was agreed to by the previous board. This responsibility will be added to the bylaws of the association after membership approval. Joe Coffey, Commissioner of the Water Dept. oriented four volunteers to their duties. The four Rain Garden volunteers were commended for their efforts in maintaining the space. More volunteers are always welcome!

Gary Tucker, Neighborhood Beat Officer, shared that he has been working with St. Peter's Hospital to reduce the number of smokers at New Scotland Ave. and Manning Blvd. He has also been dealing with complaints of panhandling and public drinking on New Scotland Avenue between Ontario and Quail Streets. The issue has abated. As the weather warms, Officer Tucker has also been working with local eateries to ensure that their sidewalk seating is within the limits set.

Hon. Catherine Fahey shared information about the Common Council's Public Safety Committee's meeting with interim Albany Police Chief Brendan Cox regarding the use of Tasers. The Albany Police Department has updated their policy to reflect the best practices for Taser use. Lt. Kenneth Sesock shared that of 144,000 calls and 5,000 arrests in 2013, Tasers were used only 62 times. The Common Council also provided that the police department is considering the use of body cameras for their police officers.

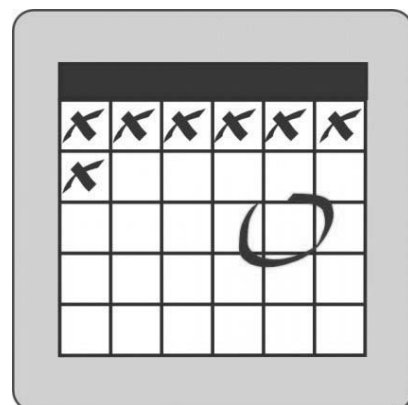
Upcoming HNA Events

Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday June 13 (Rain Date June 14)
9:00-2:00

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

Wednesday July 15
Wednesday September 16
Wednesday November 18



Movie Nights at Sage College at 7:30

Friday July 17 - Annie

Friday September 18 - Big Hero 6

Movie Nights at Ridgefield Park at 7:30

Friday June 19

Friday August 21

HNA Picnic: September 13th (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, contact hna@hnaalbany.com or call **(662) 598-1462**.

HNA Financial Report

Patty Pierce, Treasurer

March/April 2015

REVENUES

Business Memberships including ads (11)	\$450
Household Memberships (65)	\$330
Donations (2)	\$30
Total Revenues	\$810

EXPENSES

Newsletters, Homebuyers flyers	\$80.46
Total Expenses	\$80.46

KeyBank account balance as of April 30, 2015 **\$6,013.33**

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 contact us at hna@hnaalbany.com or **(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 & 1 FREE ad

() \$95 Business membership & 7 advertisements

Date mailed: _

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