

Little Italy Newsletter

July 2021

A Brief History of Neighborhood Activism in South Central Troy (Part 6 of 6)

Little Italy Neighborhood



Quality of Life Committee

Logo designed by QLC member and visual artist Denise Saint Onge

Little Italy Quality of Life Committee (QLC): Supporting revitalization in the Little Italy Neighborhood

By Sam Chiappone and Mike Esposito

As a result of discussion at the August 2013 South Central Neighborhood Watch/Troy Little Italy Neighborhood meeting, a group of individuals decided to form a distinct action oriented group to directly address quality of life issues within the neighborhood. The new group would have its own identity. The individuals involved in the discussion were Josh Chiappone, Sam Chiappone (Facilitator), Andrea Daley (South Central Neighborhood Watch), Michael Esposito, Dan Franklin, Sam Judge, George

Regan, Ken Rose, Denise Saint Onge, and Donald Windelspecht.

To gain an understanding of the issues facing the neighborhood, the group held an open meeting in early September 2013 at the Italian Community Center (ICC) to obtain input from neighbors on the committee's charter and quality of life issues. Approximately twenty individuals were present for the meeting including Marion Field, President, Troy Little Italy.

The overall consensus of the group was to define the QLC as an action oriented group targeting specific areas and behaviors for improvement as defined by the committee. The ability for the committee to

make an impact will be linked to starting with obtainable action items, which are clearly defined in an active punch list, and building on successes of the group. This approach is similar to the "broken window" theory which states you fix small problems before they become major. QLC meetings were held within a one-hour time period and provided monthly reports at neighborhood meetings.

The first meeting of the QLC was held on September 19, 2013. Topics of concentration included city administration and elected official's relations, community police and patrol involvement, landlord relations, community outreach efforts, vacant property issues, and code relations.

Marion Field was a member of the active group up to her passing in May 2016. With the passing of Marion Field, and no plan in place for Troy Little Italy to continue, the QLC decided to take on the Little Italy Newsletter (Mike Esposito as editor) and the organization of the monthly neighborhood meetings (Sam Chiappone). The QLC felt both of these items are crucial communication tools that needed to continue as part of the neighborhood revitalization efforts. The QLC continues to facilitate discussion and meetings with other neighborhood groups as needed and welcomes the opportunity to work and collaborate with all who strive to revitalize our city.

Since 2013 the QLC has partnered with the 11th Ward WWII Monument Committee to maintain the 1st and 11th Ward WWII veteran's monuments located in our neighborhood. We have been successful in writing proposals and receiving Neighborhood Improvement Program grants from the Troy City Council to maintain the sites. Both the 11th Ward WWII monument and the 1st Ward WWII monument were rededicated (respectively in 2010 and 2011) after renovation projects which were led by members of Boy Scout Troop 502 working with our neighborhood organization were completed.

During much of 2018, QLC members with the support of the Italian Community Center, the Ciccarelli-Rea-Agars-Bevevino Veterans Post, the Eleventh Ward WWII Veterans Memorial Committee, and the city administration, planned for the installation of an 8th Ward WWII Veterans Memorial (dedicated Veterans Day 2018) which added a third site to the list of WWII memorials in Little Italy. The successful funding campaign included a Neighborhood Improvement Program grant from the City Council and generous donations from the ICC, CRAB Club, Troy Police Benevolent Association and Troy Uniform Firefighters Association.



The above photo shows volunteers along with Eric Wigand installing the 8th Ward WWII Memorial at the 5th Avenue site overlooking the Hill Street Market Place. The two earlier dedication ceremonies and the 8th Ward WWII Memorial dedication drew three to four hundred families and friends to each of the ceremonies. The sites are maintained with assistance from the Red Front Restaurant and Tavern, Caprara's Auto Body Shop, the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Work Release Program and the 11th Ward WWII Monument Committee.



Since 2015, the QLC and Pat Miele past president of Troy's Italian Community Center, have been co-sponsoring an Annual Bocce Tournament held at the ICC which also includes a Ziti and meatball lunch. The event is a friendly competition among ten teams and raises funds used to support programs and events organized by the QLC

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The QLC continues the commitment to recognize the importance of the historic Hill Street Market Place and in 2019 installed a an interpretive sign at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Liberty Street describing its history (shown in the above photo.) Funding for the sign was from the 2019 Troy City Council Neighborhood Improvement Program & Troy Capital Resources Corporation and a generous donation from the DelGiaccio Family former residents of Havermans Avenue, Troy. Staff and resources provided by the Rensselaer County Historical Society, the Troy Public Library, and the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway were available to Troy artist and historian William Skerritt and neighborhood historian Michael Esposito in researching the history of the Hill Street site.

Also completed in 2019 was a report on the site issued by Mike Esposito.

The Hill Street Market Place: Its History and Future

A Report for the Little Italy Quality of Life Committee

By Michael Esposito
September 2019



Decorating the historic Hill Street Market Place with Christmas Lights is now an annual event since Andrea Daley first created the huge, colorful wreath in 2017. Dan Franklin, Dan Lennon, Seamus Donnelly and Heather Hamlin are among those on hand to organize and set up the lights, wreath, and trees. All are Board members of the Little Italy Quality of Life Committee. Denise Saint Onge (also a Board member) and her husband Larry and Dan Franklin designed “light trees” used during the past two years. Each year new pieces are added to the festive holiday display. The Nativity Creche, shown below, a focal point for many years during Christmas services at the former St. Mary’s Church, is displayed annually in the

window of Little Italy businesses, first at Cuozzo’s Grocery, then at Regan’s US Track & Field Office and in recent years at Michele’s Floral Design Shop. The crèche was entrusted to Ida Street’s Chiappone family in 2010 at the closing of St. Mary’s Parish.

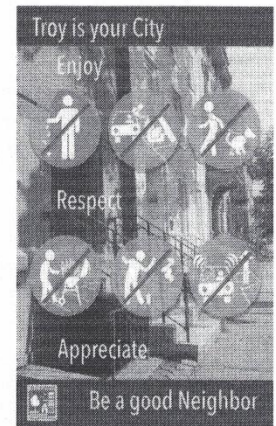
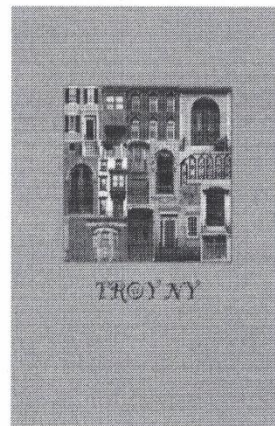
In 2017 QLC sponsored a Nativity Restoration Project with the assistance of restoration specialist Andrea Daley, a former St. Mary’s parishioner. Andrea, working with several local artists, organized and supervised the project restoration of all 15 pieces of the Cheche.



Since 2011, Little Italy has presented a “Best Rehab” award (originated as an idea by Little Italy supporter David Graham) - a plaque and notoriety for those whose work has improved the Little Italy area. Nominations are open and encouraged for the award for 2020/21. Email nominations to David Graham at starchief9@gmail.com or bring to the next Little Italy meeting on July 21st 6 pm at the ICC, 1450 5th Avenue, Troy.



The QLC partnered with other groups to restore the Hill Street walking path to Prospect Park in 2018. The dedication of the “Garnet Douglass Baltimore Trail” in recognition of the first African-American engineer and graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1881) was held at the entrance of the recently-restored walking trail at the Little Italy site on Hill Street – where the above sign was installed -



The two posters shown above, “Troy Doors” on the left and “Good Neighbor” on the right, were created in 2018 by QLC member Denise Saint-Onge, a visual artist and 4th Street art gallery owner. All sale receipts from the sale of the posters help support programs and event sponsored by the QLC.

The highlight of 2020 was approval by the Troy City Council in May of last year to use Community Development Block Grant Improvements for 4th Street. Over the past seven-plus years the QLC has proposed a plan to city government to revitalize 4th Street north of the Poestenkill Canal with funds secured from the CDBG Program administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The QLC used previous city street revitalization projects and guidance from the city administration and staff as a model for the proposal. The 4th Street project is important to all because the street is a primary route into the City of Troy for vehicle,

bicycle, and pedestrian traffic. For many prospective new residents, homeowners, businesses, and visitors it is their first impression of our city.

The effort shows the commitment we all share in the importance of neighborhood revitalization. Little Italy projects will receive \$1,186,577 in the upcoming five-year HUD. Phase 1 & 2 will consist of targeted infrastructure improvements, and neighborhood quality of life improvements including, sidewalks and curbing replacement, milling and paving, streetscape improvements, public safety, and neighborhood park improvements starting on 3rd Street from Canal to Adams Street and on 4th Street from Canal to Division Street heading north.



Phase One of the project is currently underway involving 4th Street and 3rd Street from Ida to Adams.

We were pleased to accommodate both the City Administration and the City Council in hosting several well attended public meetings on “Government on the Road,” “Mt. Ida Dam” and “CDBG five-year plan information.” We are also working to partner with other neighborhood groups on community meetings. In April 2021, the QLC partnering with the Riverside and Osgood neighborhood groups and with assistance from Joe Fama, former Executive Director TAP, Inc., sponsored *Transforming South and South Central Troy; A conversation with Mr. Gene Bunnell*. Mr. Bunnell, author of “Transforming Providence,” is an urban planner with years of applied experience at the local government level. The Zoom program was moderated by Marissa Jacques, anchor Spectrum News.

Our monthly Little Italy Newsletter now in its 17th year reports what is happening, what will happen, and what has happened in the neighborhood. Share

your e-mail with us at troylittleitaly@gmail.com to receive the newsletter which provides updates to our efforts and other information about the neighborhood. Please feel free to reach out to Mike Esposito (mike95943@gmail.com) to join the email distribution list or discuss possible content.

This year the major priority for the Quality of Life Committee is focus on the historic Hill Street Market Place site. The site is owned by the City of Troy - we are an advocate for the public place which we refer to as “our great good space.”

The “Realize Troy Comprehensive Plan” dated May 2018 cites the Market Place specifically in its documentation - SC8: Preserve the history of the former Hill Street Market site located between Liberty and Washington Streets in Troy’s Little Italy neighborhood and introduce enhancements to the site. This may include: • Designating the site as a neighborhood public space for entertainment, sporting events, festivals, car shows, reunions, and other family-friendly social activities; Incorporating street trees, landscaping, pedestrian amenities and a permanent stage platform in a corner of the site to improve the image of the areas to support greater activity.

Advising us in planning on the Little Italy Market Re-Design and Improvement Project is Barbara Nelson, Executive Director of Troy Architectural Program (TAP, Inc.) Our July 21st neighborhood meeting will present concepts that have been developed by TAP from resident input dating starting back to 2019 for improving the space, and making the space more usable to more residents. Tours of the market will be held after the meeting for those who haven’t visited lately.

We are grateful for the cooperation and generosity of the business community and residents of Little Italy. Support is given by government officials on all levels, community agencies and organizations, the news media, our adjacent neighborhood associations and the Troy community at large as we continue our efforts to stabilize the neighborhood, share our culture and create a heritage tourism destination. Current active QLC members are: Sam Chiappone and Mike Esposito (co-facilitators), Josh Chiappone, Seamus Donnelly, Dan Franklin, Heather Hamlin, Jason Hughes, Dan Lennon, Denise Saintonge, Ken Zalewski (Troy City Council member -5th District) and Agnes Zink.

Stickball tournament a success



The 13th Annual Stickball Tournament was held on June 13th at the historic Hill Street Market Place Rocco DeFazio, originator of the tournament, Kevin O'Connor, is greeted by Executive Director of Joseph's House & Shelter, and U. S. Congressman Paul Tonko.

The event is held each year to support the work of local organization Joseph's House & Shelter founded in 1983 as a Troy community-based, not-for-profit corporation that provides a continuum of homeless services to residents of Rensselaer County. Joseph's House offers emergency shelter, street outreach, and support services to homeless and formerly homeless individuals, youth, and families, with a focus on providing non-judgmental services where each guest's dignity and worth are recognized and respected.

Since 2008 tens of thousands of dollars have been raised for local food pantries and each year their shelves have been filled with food items from donations brought to the tournament.

Earlier this month representatives from the Stick It to Child Homelessness Stickball Tournament and Joseph's House & Shelter presented the Golden Stickball Award to two Vietnam Purple Heart veterans, Bill Sage, of Troy, and Pat DeStefano, of Red Hook, in recognition of their many years of service and donations to Joseph's House & Shelter. Bill and Pat are joined in the photo at the ceremony by Troy Mayor Pat Madden and Rocco DeFazio.



Among the teams competing this year were those from Trustco Bank and the Troy Uniform Firefighters.





A two-day pop-upside walk sale organized by 4th Street neighbor Andrea Daley recently helped raise funds for the Little Italy Quality of Life Committee and prompted the following response from QLC Co-facilitator Sam Chiappone:

“Andrea - From the entire QLC I want to thank you for organizing the sidewalk sale this weekend to benefit the committee. Your commitment to the neighborhood is amazing. Thank you for all you do.”

Christopher’s House Opens

The Capital District Women Veteran’s Program, Inc. will be a transitional house for homeless women veterans. Christopher’s House will provide: a woman’s program for women by women, a safe, structured, homelike environment which will lead to self-sustaining independent living, 2 to 3 living spaces for young children, encouragement in advancement of education, mentoring in job placement, transportation for job search and VA appointments and activities of daily living. Each woman will receive assistance from a case manager to develop an individualized treatment plan to assist them in making their way in the world with confidence and a sense of self-worth.

The project is in memory of MAJ. Christopher Rem, husband of COL. Christine Rem (Ret.) the Executive Director of the Capital District Women Veteran’s Program who shared his dream for her maternal family’s original home in South Troy. COL Rem passed away in October, 2012.

Christine is a retired Army Nurse and an Operation Iraqi Freedom woman veteran who, along with a board mainly consisting of retired Army nurses, formed CDWV.

The organization is seeking donations to begin a capital renovation and improvement project at the

house to insure it will meet all life safety codes. If you would like to donate please make checks payable to: Capital District Women Veteran’s Program, Inc. Mail to: Capital District Women Veteran’s Program, Inc., P.O. Box 626, Troy, NY 121801-0626. (CDWV is an IRS 501 C (3) charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible.)

Also Note: Cash contributions are welcomed. Please make checks payable to Capital District Women Veterans, Inc. 515 First Street, Troy NY12180 (CDWV is an IRS 501 C (3) charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible.).

Neighborhood meeting – July 21st.



The Little Italy Quality of Life Committee invites neighbors to the Italian Community Center, 1450 Fifth Avenue, Troy on Wednesday, July 21 from 6-7 pm for the Little Italy Market Re-Design and Improvement Meeting. This meeting will present concepts for improving the space, and making the space more usable to more residents. After a short introduction we will be opening the floor to discuss and get more ideas from those in attendance.

Italian Community Center Soup Kitchen Update

Due to low participation the ICC stopped soup kitchen take-outs on June 2nd. The kitchen will now partner with Joseph’s House Emergency Shelter to cook meals for approximately 50 shelter guests twice monthly. The volunteers of the kitchen are planning for ICC in-house meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas if CDC COVID guidelines allow for such events. Many thanks the ICC and everyone who has supported, and will continue to support, this effort as we now move to partnering with Josephs House Emergency Shelter to serve the community. For more information on the ICC Soup Kitchen contact Sam Chiappone – 518-339-4324

A reminder from our Community Police Officer Dan Bristol of important programs being offered by the Troy School District this summer



Summer Strides Program

The Troy City School District is excited to offer supplemental summer programming with everything from tutoring and counseling sessions to field trips and book clubs. The “Summer Strides Program” is free to Troy CSD students entering Grades K - 12. The program is designed to provide support for students in many areas outside of the traditional classroom setting to help meet academic and social-emotional needs before the new school year. This program is in addition to the traditional summer school programs offered by the district.

Enrichment Activities

- Targeted Intervention/Tutoring/Mentoring
- Counseling Sessions
- Small Group Credit Recovery (up to 1 credit)
- Book/Reading Clubs
- Extracurricular Activities and Clubs
- Project-Based Activities
- Kindergarten Boot Camp
- Virtual/In-person Field Trips
- College/Business Visits

Summer 2021

July 8 - August 13

Flexible Days & Times

Virtual and/or In Person

For more information, visit www.troycsd.org/summerstrides or contact Josh Monk, Summer Strides Principal at monkj@troycsd.org

South Troy pool, splash pads to open

Mayor Patrick Madden announced the South Troy Swimming Pool will open to the public on Tuesday, July 6th, at 12:00 p.m. The pool – located on South Troy Pool Lane – will be open for open swimming daily, from 12:00 noon – 7:00 pm.

Access to the pool will be limited to Troy residents only. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The City of Troy is partnering with the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Capital Area (BGCCA) to operate the facility for the 2021 season. BGCCA will provide lifeguards and offer swimming lessons and free lunch programs. The free lunch program will be available Monday through Friday, from 1 - 2:00 pm, for children ages 17 and under. More information on swim lesson registration will be announced at a later date.

The pool is expected to close for the season on Sunday, August 29th

Splash Pads

City-operated splash pads and fountains are open daily from sunrise to sunset, with the exception of Riverfront Park which will operate from 10 am – 8 pm, and the South Troy Pool splash pad which will be available during operating hours. Admission is free at all City-operated splash pads.

Splash pads are available at the following locations:

- Corliss Park**, 1100 8th Avenue
- Frear Park**, adjacent to Frear Park Ice Rink
- Knickerbacker Park**, 7th and 104th Street
- Prospect Park**, 65 Prospect Park Road
- Riverfront Park**, River Street/Front Street
- South Troy Swimming Pool**, S Troy Pool Lane
- 7th Avenue Park**, Corner of Ingalls and 7th Avenue

For more information on City parks and facilities, please visit the [Parks & Recreation webpage](#).

Health Precautions

Per CDC guidance, individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to use a mask or face covering in public. However, please do not wear a face covering when in the water. Cloth face coverings can cause breathing difficulties when wet.

Splash pad facilities are not actively monitored; guests should use best judgment when visiting public locations. Parents are asked to closely watch their children.

Individuals who feel sick or are experiencing symptoms consistent with coronavirus should stay home and contact the [local health department](#). For more information on COVID-19 precautions, please visit www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus

Knickerbacker Swimming Pool

The city is working with the Knickerbacker Park Association on site design concepts for construction of a new swimming facility, with the intention of commencing construction in 2022. The facility was closed in 2017 after an engineering assessment found significant structural, mechanical, and accessibility issues at the facility.

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THE ALLEY RALLY IS BACK!



Photos are from the 2019 Alley Rally

Alley Rally 2021 will take place in South Central Troy* on the **Saturday before Labor Day - August 28, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** (rain date - Sunday, August 29, 10-2). Everyone has been stuck at home for a year, so the hope is that people will have done a lot of sorting and be more than ready to join their neighbors in this pop-up marketplace that welcomes visitors to our alleys for a few hours of browsing and conviviality.

To register as a vender, click here
<https://forms.gle/LJ39RQyArjYRdFzj9>

A Toolkit for venders is also available. The Toolkit contains: a flier, a general map of the Alley Rally area, important guidelines for venders, and advertising links that people can use to promote the event and their own sale sites. To obtain the Toolkit, click here:

https://1drv.ms/b/s!Apai6oHOIRtFgaArbHyCuSv_qGnuGQ?e=IVDlfo

For more information, contact:
riverside12180@gmail.com

The Alley Rally team, as in year's past, will continue to do general promotion. Everyone is encouraged to talk up the Alley Rally with neighbors so together they can create lively groupings of venders. **It's time to bring some life back to our unique urban asset: the alleys of South Central.**

(*The "garage sale" area is generally encompassed by Congress St. on the north, Canal Ave. on the south, River St. on the west, and Hill St. on the east.)

BookSeller extends hours



Troy Public Library – Lansingburgh Branch, 27 114th St, Troy, NY The BookSeller hours are Sat. 10 am-1 pm and Wed. 4-6 pm. The BookSeller, sponsored by the Friends of the Troy Public Library, is a place to buy gently used books at bargain prices. Most books are \$1.00, with the exception of mass market paperbacks (\$.50), children's books and magazines (\$.25 each). In addition to books, the BookSeller has a selection of DVDs, CDs and Audiobooks.



Troy Police Chief Owens to retire



Excerpts from the Mayor's recent press release.

Upon hearing of Chief Brian Owens retirement Mayor Madden said, "On behalf of the City of Troy, I extend my appreciation and gratitude to Chief Owens for his nearly quarter-century of service to our community, neighborhoods, families, and nation. He leaves the Troy Police Department a better, more responsive agency that is prepared to meet the challenges facing law enforcement agencies in the 21st century. I wish Brian and the entire Owens family the best as they begin this new and exciting chapter in their lives."

Rental assistance available

By Heather Hamlin

In the event that you, or anyone you know, has tenants in arrears due to the pandemic, the following information may be helpful to you:

A Rental assistance program through NYS started on 6/1/21 and applications are now being accepted. The NYS court system is facing a similar challenge that hospitals had during the peak season of the virus. There are not enough resources in the system to handle all of the eviction proceedings that will be filed. The program is for tenants and landlords and hopefully will reduce the strain on the system and assist tenants and landlords with the challenges. The website is:

<https://otda.ny.gov/programs/emergency-rental-assistance/#eligibility>

During his tenure, Chief Owens was responsible for a major modernization of the department, including deployment of body-worn cameras, expansion of the community policing philosophy, implementation of new officer trainings, and updates to the department's Use of Force policy.

Chief Owens is a 23- year veteran of the Troy Police Department. Owens previously held leadership positions as Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Captain, Detective Sergeant, Technology and Grants Captain and Assistant Chief of Patrol, the department's Homeland Security Team, Honor Guard and Mobile Command Center. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and is a highly-decorated member of the department. Owens is a veteran with the 14 years of service with the United States Army Reserve serving in various capacities including Company Commander of the HHD, 413th Quartermaster Battalion during the unit's combat deployment to Iraq.

Mayor Madden announced the promotion of Deputy Chief Daniel P. DeWolf to Chief of Police. DeWolf has served with the Troy Police Department since 1995.

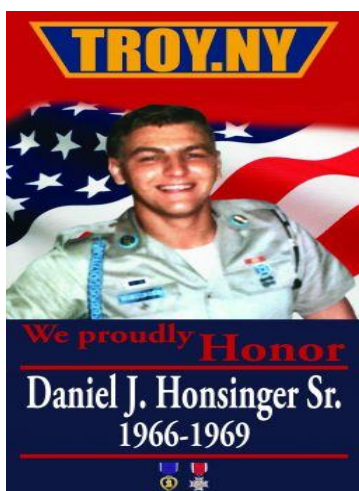
Additionally, Unity House in Troy is offering direct assistance to people (by appointment) and helping tenants with the paperwork for that program. Their number is (518) 272-5917.

Landlords can also apply directly on the NYS website.

We remember . . .



Daniel J. Honsinger Sr., 73 of Troy, passed on June 7, 2021, in the comfort of his home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Troy, he was the son of the late David and Mary McGuire Honsinger; and the loving husband of the late Anne M. Barnes Honsinger. Mr. Honsinger served our country proudly with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. According to the Troy Military Banner website “while deployed in South Vietnam, Honsinger faced daily encounters with guerilla warfare. Following seven months of overseas battle, Dan was severely wounded in combat due to an enemy mine explosion. He spent nine months at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. recovering from his injuries and retired from the Army because of his disabilities on Jan 27, 1969. To honor his immeasurable bravery, Dan was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Battle Star, along with the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross and Citation, the Vietnam Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Combat Infantryman’s Badge and the Sharpshooter Rifle Badge. He was a lifetime member of The Military Order of the Purple Heart and a member of The American Legion of Wynantskill, N.Y.



Dan was employed by the United States Postal Service for over 40 years until his retirement in 2003. Survivors include his children, Daniel J. Jr. (Meg) Honsinger, Paul F. (Karen) Honsinger, and Timothy C. (Kristina) Honsinger; beloved grandchildren, Emily, Daniel, Reese, Anna, Myles, Rylee, Grayson and Kamryn; and siblings, David (Donna) Honsinger, Mary (George) Henkel, Karen (late Bruce) Charbonneau and Dennis Honsinger. He was predeceased by his brother Thomas Honsinger. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Corinne Cosgrave-Honsinger; and his loving companion Maureen Filarecki along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Anthony J. Ciarlone Jr., 81 of Troy passed on June 18, 2021. Born in Troy, he was the son of the late Anthony and Josephine Pettignelli Ciarlone Sr. and the beloved husband of the late Joan Hughes Ciarlone. Mr. Ciarlone who was a 1958 graduate of Catholic Central High School, served our country with pride in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. Upon returning home he accepted a position with N.Y.S. Tax and Finance Dept. and in 1995, after 31 years of service, he retired. Anthony was an avid bowler, he achieved his goal with a perfect game of 300; he enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening, cooking with his grandchildren especially making his famous homemade raviolis, but most of all he enjoyed the quality time he spent with his family. Survivors include his children, Nicolette (Brian) Avery, Kevin Ciarlone, Deborah (Robert) Demarest; grandchildren, Morgan, Courtney and Hannah Avery, Michaela Ciarlone and Jacob Demarest; brothers, Frank (late Jean) Ciarlone and Ralph Ciarlone. He was predeceased by his sisters, Madelyn (Tom) Sheeran and Ginger Riley. Also survived by his brother-in-law, Bill Riley; and sister-in-law, Barbara (Gene) Snay; along with many nieces, nephews and friends.



William G. Carey Sr., 80, died peacefully on June 16, 2021, at St. Peter's Hospital after a brief illness. Bill was the son of the late Stephen and Cecilia Ryan Carey. Born and raised in Troy, he was a graduate of LaSalle Institute and a U.S. Army veteran. Bill was the beloved husband of MaryAnn for 52 years. He proudly served on the Troy Fire Department for 30 years before retiring as a lieutenant in 1995. A parishioner of Christ Sun of Justice, he was a longtime volunteer at the I.C.C. Soup Kitchen and Bethany Hospitality Center in Troy. He enjoyed life's simple pleasures: his family, cigars, gardening, laughter and the Boston Red Sox. Whenever you encountered Bill you were met with kindness and a smile. Bill is survived by his wife, MaryAnn Kalinick Carey; sons, William G. Carey Jr. (James Amandos) and Kevin M. Carey (Rebecca); grandchildren, Ella, Sean, and Emma (who affectionately called him Poppy); goddaughter, Jude Seney Melendez; and grandpup Spencer; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his sisters, Anne Russomanno and Barbara Seney; and brother Jack Carey.



James 'Jim' W. Otto, 79, died June 19, 2021, at home of complications from myelodysplastic syndrome, a bone marrow malfunction. Jim grew up in the Cleveland, OH, area, studied two years at Phillips Exeter Academy, two years at Princeton University, and then qualified for the Marine Aviation Cadet (MARCAD) program. After serving in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 261, he attended Ohio State University to continue studying math and computer science. In the 1970s, Jim and Jane served nearly four years as Peace Corps volunteers in Nairobi, Kenya, where he worked as a computer programmer and systems analyst for national surveys. That experience led to a career offering technical assistance in survey data processing to many sub-Saharan African countries. Jim loved staying active outdoors; he was an avid reader with an impish sense of humor. He will be fondly remembered and missed by family, friends, and former colleagues here and abroad. A celebration in his honor will be held at a later date.

Property for sale and rent in South Central/Little Italy area.

Little Italy Neighborhood



Quality of Life Committee



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The following properties are for sale in our neighborhood:

310 2nd, Two Family, \$69,900
222 2nd St., Two Family, \$349,900
238 3rd St., Three Family, \$469,000
331 2nd St., Three Family, \$274,900
240 2nd St., Three Family, \$998,000
144 Hill St., Three Family, \$239,000
112-114 Adams St., Three Family, \$259,000
40 River St., Commercial, \$1
392 4th St., Vacant Land, \$24,000
Residential Rental, 189 2nd St., \$1,800

Contact Heather Hamlin at
heather@hhmrealestate.com for additional
information

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Happy 4th of July

