

## LITTLE ITALY NEWS • APRIL 2008 EDITION

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**April 26, 2008**

### Help make our neighborhood shine by participating in the Earth Day Cleanup.

We will have a general meeting at the Market Place by the bocce courts at 9:00. Please bring your rakes, gloves, brooms and energy. The city is providing garbage bags for our area and opening the Alamo that day.

We also have a group of 20, energetic and able volunteers from the D.E.F.Y program that are willing to help us out. If you have a larger project and need some assistance, please email Heather at [sctroywatch@gmail.com](mailto:sctroywatch@gmail.com) and we can set up a team to assist you. We are also looking for volunteers who may have trucks to bring bigger loads to the Alamo. If you are willing to help out, please send an email. If you just want to spend time cleaning up your immediate yard, alley or park that is great too. Let's make our neighborhood sparkle!

### Change of Plans

The Marketfest and Car Show has been cancelled due to scheduling problems.

### April Meeting

Neighborhood Watch 6pm  
Troy Little Italy 7pm

### Free Self Defense Class

**April 23, 2008**

**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Russell Sage Athletic Facility**

**Canal Avenue, Troy**

Learn the basics of how to protect yourself in the event of an attack. Class will be taught by Officer Tony Strauss. Tony has experienced in training and combat and in addition to his duties as a police officer, he will be training the Jordanian military this Spring.

To register for this event, please call (518) 632-1082 and leave your name and phone number or email [sctroywatch@gmail.com](mailto:sctroywatch@gmail.com). Please register soon as class size is limited. Must be over 18 years old to attend.

Thank you to Russell Sage for donating the use of their facility for this event.

Sponsored by the South Central Troy Neighborhood Watch

### Flag Day Parade

**Flea Market**

**& Craft Show**

**June 8 10am to 5 pm**

### VENDORS WANTED

Looking for Food, Crafts, Artists, Antiques, Collectables, Etc.

The cost will be \$25 a space  
Bring your own tables & chairs

Tent available or bring your own

For more information contact:  
Marion Field at 266-1406 or  
[mvfl406@aol.com](mailto:mvfl406@aol.com)

[troylittleitaly@gmail.com](mailto:troylittleitaly@gmail.com)

### Look who's coming to Town

The Valley Cats will be at our Flag Day Festivities on June 8th starting at 10 am in the Troy Public Market, located at Hill Street between Washington and Liberty along with food vendors and a flea market and craft show.



### Look what they're Bringing

### Come Early

**\*Shop a Little\***

**\*Play a Lot\***

**And**

**Enjoy the Parade**



## South Central Little Italy News

The Record, March 23, 2008, p42. From Troy to Rome and – Frosolone? by Frank Visco. This is the first in a series of articles about a trip to Frosolone, Italy, birthplace of the LaPosta Family, one of the original twenty three immigrant families to settle in the small Italian community in Troy that Father Giovanni Santoro organized in establishing St. Anthony of Padua Shrine Church in 1892.

The Record, Troy Treasures, March 23, 2008, p 11. They're keeping us healthy by Mike Esposito. The long tradition of fruit and vegetable peddlers and neighborhood produce stores in and around the South Central/Little Italy neighborhood is remembered.

Discover TROY, February 2008 issue, pp7-8. Neighborhoods by Kathryn Caggianelli. Neighborhoods working together to improve the quality of life is the focus for the year 2008. Several neighborhood leaders are interviewed including Lynn Kopka who tells us that "residents who belong to the Washington Park Association are this year focusing on increasing home ownership and "de-densification" of units" and Rocco DeFazio who mentions that members of Troy's Little Italy are "excited about the prospect of working closely with bordering neighborhoods on such things as neighborhood watch, monthly meetings, activities and beautification".

The Record, Daily Historian, March 22, 2008, p16. 1944 photo of Peter, Frank and Helen Stellato and Maria Campana. Photo submitted by Eleanor Szalasny.

## Our Contributions : The Italians in America

This acclaimed PBS special which details and examines contributions Italian-Americans have made to America is available for sale. Many Italian-American organizations are calling it the definitive film about the history of Italian-Americans. The film (DVD format) which runs for 105 minutes can be purchased online at [www.NSEfilms.com](http://www.NSEfilms.com) for \$14.95. Shipping and handling costs are \$5.95. You may also order from NSE Films, 3300 Veterans Highway, Suite 103E, Bohemia, NY 11716 or by phone (631) 468-3080.

## History of Troy's Little Italy by Mike Esposito

I have been informed by Arcadia Publishing, the leading trade publisher of local and regional history books in the United States, that they will be publishing our story, the story of Troy's Little Italy, in text and photographs in a book format. The deadline for text and images is January, 2009.

While I will be listed as the author of the book, the work is a collaboration among supporters of Troy's Little Italy including Marion Field who has been collecting and preserving neighborhood photographs, Frank Visco of the LaPosta-Visco (Visk) family, one of the original twenty three families in the Italian community at the time St. Anthony of Padua Church was formed in 1892 and Rocco DeFazio who organized the Friends of Little Italy several years ago and initiated the movement to revitalize our historic ethnic neighborhood. My articles from The Troy Record column Troy Treasures and our monthly Little Italy Newsletter will provide some of the text required for the publication. We are inviting and encouraging past and present residents of Little Italy and the community at large to submit photographs of life in Little Italy. This will

be a major endeavor but we look forward to the opportunity presented to document our story. Dan Lennon, Heather Hamlin and Jean Krueger have also volunteered to assist us with the project. As specific tasks are identified we will ask for additional assistance.

We will also be contacting local organizations and institutions that have had a significant role in the history of our neighborhood or in compiling information on our history. Use of old photos and images, copies of program or event notices, documents, and other print items available will be important in presenting a history of our neighborhood. Please continue to search for those great old mementos which recapture the special times with family and friends growing up (and old) in Little Italy.

Contact us through our email address [troylittleitaly@gmail.org](mailto:troylittleitaly@gmail.org) or call Marion Field at 266-1406. We will also be available at upcoming events sponsored by Troy Little Italy. We have the ability to scan photos and images and will return items loaned to us.



## Coming Soon Troy Neighborhood Market

Troy Neighborhood Market will begin on Wed., May 14, 2008 through Columbus Day week, 2008, 3 – 6PM at the Little Italy Marketplace, Hill St. between Washington and Liberty Streets in Troy, NY. Vendors of produce, live plants, baked goods, services and crafts are encouraged to apply to [troyneighborhoodmkt@gmail.com](mailto:troyneighborhoodmkt@gmail.com), or call Jean Krueger, 518 272 4972, for application information. The market will be a farmers market, rain or shine, with low vendor fees. All persons may apply. Residents of the Troy neighborhoods are especially encouraged to vend.

Position yourself ahead of the crowd with direct access to thousands of potential consumers

**A Freihofer's Weekend Festival opportunity for Troy, NY merchants**

Capital *Care* Health & Fitness Expo, The 30<sup>th</sup> Freihofer's Run for Women, Kids' Run, Community Walk & The USA Open and Junior 10 km Race Walk Championships!



**WE WANT YOU!!!**

Music and fun are what gives The Great Race Weekend and The Capital-*Care* Health & Fitness Expo event its "sole!" This is so much more than a race.....it is a block party like none other! A variety of musical bands scheduled to perform live will keep your feet moving long after the race is over! Enjoy reggae, rock, jazz, country.....whatever your musical tastes are you're sure to find it here and discover some new ones too!

Delicious, healthy food will keep your taste buds on track. Learn all about good nutrition and how to prepare these tasty treats from top chefs in our area. Looking for ways to stave off Father Time? There will be the latest in health and beauty procedures and wellness techniques displayed and discussed. Extreme sport participants and athletes of all walks will enjoy "Sports Square and Virtual Land." Learn once and for all what a healthy cholesterol level is. Are you still confused about what supplements and vitamins you should be taking? This is the area for clarity as it relates to all things for healing and continued good health.

As far as spirit goes.....count on enjoying expressions of cheer, joy and agility like nothing you have ever experienced as you discover who "The Capital Region's Biggest Fans" are with our "Show us your Sole Spirit Capital Region's Biggest Fan Contest." Prizes and notoriety will be awarded in five different categories depending on age and performance style.

Thousands of participants and fans were on hand in 2007 and in 2008, the bar is set higher..... Intrigued? Thought you might be.....and we hope we see you there, At the Empire State Plaza May 30<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> 2008.

## Sponsorship Opportunity for Troy, NY Merchants\*

These sponsorship opportunities are able to be customized to meet your company's specific marketing goals and objectives.....

### Some stats on the Running Market

33.7 million Americans are runners  
Median age: 44 years old College Grads: 74%  
Married: 74.4%  
Number of people in household: 3  
Individuals average gross income: \$74.1K  
Household average gross income: \$139K  
Household net worth: \$943K



*Here is how you can have representation at the premier sports/ festival of 2008.....*

On-site booth Display: 1 – 8' x 10' Exhibitor Booth  
Rental Fee Includes: Signage, Pipe & Drape and 1 table and 2 chairs  
Additional booth space is available \$425.

**\$495- Investment** \_\_\_\_\_

Inclusion of your **promotional items/samples** in up to 10,000 goodie bags (you must provide physical items)

**\$400- Investment** \_\_\_\_\_

Should you provide only a **coupon incentive offer back** to your store **\$540- Investment** \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a **silent auction item** valued at no less than \$100- retail  
Sponsor identification in the event tabloid. Distribution throughout the Capital Region prior to the event, event program, press release/coverage and on-site signage at the two-day event!

**Silent auction Item Investment** \_\_\_\_\_

Silent auction participation requires either booth or goodie bag investment  
All proceeds are used to further Athletic programs within the Adirondack Association of USA Track & Field (a 501c3). All donations are tax deductible.

**Authorized Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this contract with payment and Insurance Certificate, should you request a booth, to: CapitalCare Health & Fitness Expo / care of Tracy Christopher / P.O. Box 497 / Clifton Park, NY 12065 or Fax to 518-677-1142 Questions? Call 518-337-7351 or e-mail [eventmgroupp@yahoo.com](mailto:eventmgroupp@yahoo.com) Make checks payable to: Board of Athletics, Adirondack Association, Inc.

**\*This discount offer is extended to Troy, NY Merchants only**  
**A vendor or coupon Investment is necessary to participate in the Silent Auction**



## ICC News

Approximately 30 wines were entered in the annual Homemade Wine Enthusiasts Tasting Competition, held March 1 2008. After a formal judging by Michael LoPorto and Times Union columnist Fred LeBrun, approximately 120 people in attendance sampled and voted for their favorites.

Judges' awards: Best in show, Pete Hanley's 2007 zinfandel

Red Wines: 1st place Pete Hanley, 2nd place Bob Caprara a tie for 3rd place Leo Morizio and Bob Caprara.

White Wines: 1st place Pete Hanley, 2nd place Renato Guida, 3rd place Jeff Anderson

Publics' awards: Red wines: 1st place Angelo Gaudio, 2nd place Kieran Weidner. 3rd place Kieran Weidner.

White Wine: 1st place Angelo Gaudio. 2nd place Vince Mamone. 3rd place Renato Guida.

**Congratulations to all the winners!!!**

## Memorial Mass

The Italian Community Center will hold their annual Memorial Mass on April 6, 2008 to honor the deceased members of their organization, especially those who died this past year.

## Coming in September

Watch for the dates of the wonderful annual Italian Community Center "Italian Festa".

## Landlord Training

Tuesday, April 29, 5:30—9:30 PM

Great Information about tenant screening, landlord/tenant responsibilities, codes, Section 8 and partners.

Call TRIP HomeOwnership Center at 690-0020 to register

## Need Hardware?

We were reminded by Jim DeSeve that we have a great family-owned hardware store at 96 Congress Street, Trojan Hardware (corner of fourth). George (the owner) has sold the building and has no plans of closing the store. Jim goes there all the time to get pretty much whatever he needs—hardware, paint, plumbing supplies, keys, etc. The store is open Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm. There is plenty of parking available in the store parking lot located on fourth street just south of the store. **Let's Shop Locally.**

## Little Italy Real Estate

### 1 FAMILY

224 Hill Street \$129,900 Luanne  
286-1000

29 Jefferson St. \$68,500 Joe  
286-2903

301 4<sup>th</sup> Street \$85,000 Harvey  
466-1303

### 2 FAMILY

50 Ida Street \$24,900 Leon  
727-7493

322 4<sup>th</sup> Street \$125,000 Virginia  
640-4029

121 Adam St. \$139,900 Leon  
717-7493

### MULTI UNITS

177 4th Street \$239,900 Barbara  
424-5291

165 4th Street \$149,900 Eric  
339-9137

330 Second St. \$149,900 Jonathon  
279-190

### Looking to Rent

A community Garden Vista Volunteer is looking for an affordable apartment in our area— somewhere in the \$400-500/month range. Call Sharon at 518-274-8685

## Patriot Flight 2008

The first FREE flight of 20 World War II veterans will be held on April 26, 2008 to visit the World War II Memorial and other memorials in Washington, D.C..

"Rolling Thunder NY 5" will be accompanying them from the Brunswick Walmart to the airport. The next flight will be held on May 27. and more will be

planned as donations are received. Over \$11,000 have been raised and more is needed The idea of a free flight as a thank you to our veterans of World War II, was started by William Peak, and his Patriot Flight 2008 committee. For more information on the Patriot Flight <http://www.patriotflight2008.com/>

## Flavour Café Celebrates 3 Year Anniversary. April 12

"Door Prizes", Win Free Coffee for 1 yr., Gift Certificates, Food Coupons! \* Free Physic readings with Kelly Ballard 1 to 3

- The Bookdrop Bees at noon,
- The Jazz Voyagers at 2pm
- NYC Instrumental Jazz Recording Artist Anton Sword from 7—10pm
- \$3 Booty Shakes—\$3 off Paninis Sandwiches/Salads from 2—7pm
- Buy 3 Bags of Coffee for the Price of 2! Local Artwork on Display.

## Attention Landlords

### Looking for a Good Tenant

Want to remove the guesswork? Check out this new service to assist you. Troy Rehabilitation and Improvement Program, Inc., (TRIP) offers a Tenant Screening Service for landlords in Troy. The Tenant Screening Program will thoroughly research a potential tenant's rental history, credit and criminal background. The information collected from credit reports, criminal records and prior landlords will provide the prospective landlord with information that should lead to a more informed decision when selecting the best tenant for his or her apartment. The program is funded in part by a grant from the Troy Weed and Seed Program. As a result the service will be provided free of charge to landlords whose apartments are located in the Westside Waterfront Weed and Seed target area. For all other landlords the cost of the service will be \$25.00 per named applicant. For more information please contact Theresa Newton, Director of Rental Operations, at TRIP at 272-8289.

## Kismet Gallery

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 12-6, Saturday 10-6.

4/25 TNO-solo artist Katie Crime Spree, 5/30 TNO solo artist Marcus Anderson, 5-9 food and cash bar for both events.

## T-NAC (Troy Neighborhood Action Council)

Meeting April 23, 5:30pm at Hope 7 Community Center, 596 Pawling Avenue. Representatives from all neighborhood groups, crime watches and/or block clubs are welcome. People interested in forming or joining a group are urged to attend.



**See a Mess!! Clean it up!!  
With a phone call to DPW  
270-4579**

## Troy Music Hall Schedule

April 5, 8pm Albany Pro Musica,  
Great Choral Tradition

April 6, 7pm

David Grisman & John Sebastian

April 8, 12pm Music@Noon

Free Concert. Brian Patneau Quartet  
Modern Jazz

April 9, 8pm Troy Chromatic Concert  
EUROPA GALANTE

Fabio Biondi, conductor & violin soloist

**FREE !!!!!** Pre-concert talk with Fabio Biondi, 7pm at the Rensselaer County Historical Society. For a complete program and artist information <http://www.troychromaticconcerts.org/>

April 12, 8pm Leo Lottke

April 17, 8pm Ricky Skaggs &  
Bruce Homsby

April 19, 7pm Kevin Locke  
Native Dance Ensemble

April 26, 1 & 6pm RPI Spring Concert  
(Free Event)

April 27, 3pm Saratoga Springs



## Phone raiser for the pups

Every year millions of cell phones are placed in landfills. One cell phone can contain up to eight toxins and pollute up to 132,000 liters in water! A *phoneraiser* is an environmentally responsible way to raise funds by recycling used cell phones. The Student Occupational Therapy Association at the Sage Colleges is joining forces with the Help Orphan Puppies to collect and recycle retired cell phones throughout the month of April. Help Orphan Puppies is a rescue group dedicated to the health and welfare of all puppies. The proceeds from this cell phone drive will be used to support the activities of the organization. Drop boxes will be made available on the Troy Campus of the Sage Colleges, throughout the month

of April in the lobby of Ricketts Hall (second door in from the corner of Congress and Second Streets) and in the Upton Center on First Street. Special collections times will also be held in the Buchanan Pavilion at the center of the campus on Wed. & Thurs., April 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th from 11am-1pm. There will also be a special collection at the Pet Supplies Plus store on Western Avenue in Albany during the adoption clinic on April 19th from 10-2. Or if you find yourself in the heart of Troy's Pottery District, simply slip your old cell phones through the slot at the MacNeil Residence at 176 Fourth Street throughout the month of April. Make some room in those junk drawers, support a humane organization and safeguard the environment all in one action! If you need more information contact Cheryl at 270-0978

## Support Our Local Bingos

**CYO** Tuesday evening @ Bingo Green, 49 4th Street in the Atrium 7 pm

**ST. ANTHONY'S** Sunday Evening @ Bingo Green, 49 4th Street in the Atrium 7 pm.

**ITALIAN COMMUNITY CENTER**

Monday evening at 7 pm

Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm

## Donations Needed

We have been using the grant we received from Weed & Seed to publish our newsletter for the past seven months. Unfortunately, we have depleted the grant and are back to soliciting funds from our members and the public. If you would like to make a donation, send it to Troy Little Italy c/o Marion Field, 2 Washington Place, Troy, N.Y. 12180

## Special Thanks

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## Worship and Advocacy In Little Italy

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third & Washington Sts. Troy, NY 12180  
Weekend Masses: Sat. 4pm. Sun. 10am  
Weekday Masses: Tues., Thurs., Fri 9 am  
Soup Kitchen: Wed & Thurs, 4-5, ongoing Volunteers needed.

### St. John's Episcopal Church

Corner of 1st and Liberty Street  
Sunday services at 8 & 10am  
The Basement Thrift Shop: Wed. & Sat. 9am- Noon, on-going.

### St. Anthony of Padua Shrine Church

28 State Street Troy NY 12180  
Weekend Masses: Sat., 4:30 pm. Sun. 9am, 10 am (Spanish), 12 & 5:30 pm  
Weekday Masses: Mon.— Thurs. 7:15am & 12 pm

### St. Ann's Maronite

184 Fourth Street  
Mass: Saturday 4 pm (except 1st sat. of month Sunday 11 p.m.)

### Beth Tephtilah Synagogue

82 River Street  
Saturday 10am Service

### Congregation Berith Shalom

167 Third Street  
Friday Service 7:30 p.m.

### United Ordained Church of Christ

Sunday: 10am Sunday School  
11 a.m. Worship

Wednesday: 6:30pm Bible Class

### Redemption Church

Liberty & First Street, meets in St. John's Episcopal Gym. Sunday School 10:30 am  
Worship 12:30 pm  
Wednesday and Friday worship 7 pm.

## Spaghetti Supper

There will be a spaghetti dinner at Christ Church United Methodist (corner of State and 5th) in Troy on Saturday, April 5 from 5-7 pm. Homemade sauce and meatballs, salad and garlic bread and homemade desserts. \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Sauce and meatballs for sale as well. Group orders for 6 or more packaged family style can be ordered by calling 272-8392 by Friday and picking up between 4 and 4:30 on Saturday. This dinner is a benefit for Bethany Center, Joseph's House, Troy Area United Ministries, Unity House and the YWCA.

**HAVE FAITH SPRING IS ON THE WAY**