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DIG IT

NATIONAL GRID TO REPLACE 157 YEAR OLD GAS MAIN

In the weeks to come National Grid will be replacing the gas main on 4th St. from Division St. to Ida St. The project involves replacing gas services to various homes along that route. While work is under way the contractors will be storing their equipment in the market area at Liberty and Hill Streets along the Liberty St. side. It is also expected that National Grid will also be replacing the gas main on Hill St. from Jefferson to the Spring Ave Bridge sometime in the future. You can call Jim Rivers, City of Troy Engineering, 270-4566 with questions.

HISTORIC LITTLE ITALY TOUR WILL BE SAT. JUNE 19

Troy Little Italy's new Historic Markers will be unveiled on Saturday morning, 10am-12pm. The Markers commemorate Father Havermans, 19th pastor of St. Mary's Church and neighborhood activist, the private residence of famed American artist and illustrator Norman Rockwell, the Poestenkill River which is a site of major industrial development in Troy during the 1800's and, finally, the Gasholder House, an architectural gem in South Troy. Join the tour at St. Mary's Church, 3rd and Washington at 9:30am. Troy Little Italy Historian Mike Esposito organized the placement of the monuments, with Michael Barrett Tom Carroll of the Mohawk Hudson Industrial Gateway working closing with the neighborhood to sponsor this celebratory tour. The Markers are paid for by Funding received through a 2006 Community Development Block Grant. Troy Little Italy thanks all who made this event possible.



GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 23

9am to 4pm

on Hill Street between
Washington and
Liberty St.

Furniture, dishware,
object d'art, vintage
clothing and costume
jewelry, novelties

Proceeds benefit

Troy Little Italy

RED, WHITE, BLUE & EAGLE, TOO

The Troy Little Italy Flag Day Float will be on display until July 4 in the first floor lobby of Troy City Hall at One Monument Square, Downtown Troy. The five foot sculpture is made of recycled cardboard, wood, chicken wire and spray paint. Based upon the concept of Joe Mancino of Fourth St. Flavour Cafe fame, a dedicated crew of Little Italy residents worked for 2 weeks to build it in a former produce market by the MarketPlace on Hill St. We're proud to have been a part of this Years Flag Day celebration



The Eagle Floats on Friday...and Mon., Tues., Wed. and Thurs. at City Hall.

BLOOMSDAY IS JUNE 16

Come all ye Joycean enthusiasts and celebrate June 16, the day when Leopold Bloom, pilgrim in his own country, finds a son, a wife, and assorted other things.

Readings from selected passages of James Joyce's Ulysses will begin at 6 pm and end at 8:30 pm on Saturday, June 16, at the Martinez Gallery, 3 Broadway, Troy, NY.

Readers include:
Harry Staley
Marea Gordett
Mauren McCauley
Tim Cahill
Laudelina Martinez

Free and open to the public.
Bring your own copy of Ulysses and read along.

The press release below is reprinted encouraging you to attend this fun for all, annual event.

CITY ANNOUNCES 4TH ANNUAL RIVER STREET FESTIVAL MUSICAL LINEUP

Grammy Award Winners **They Might Be Giants** To Headline the Festival

(May 24, 2007- TROY)- Mayor Harry J Tutunjian and 102.7 WEQX announced Thursday that the musical lineup for the 4th Annual River Street Festival is set, and that Grammy award winners They Might Be Giants will headline the show.

Joining They Might Be Giants, will be local favorites Blotto, Stars of Track & Field, Mink, and Last November. Tutunjian said Thursday that he was thrilled They Might Be Giants will be playing the show. The

4th Annual River Street Festival takes place on Saturday, June 16th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., along River Street in downtown Troy. There is no cost for the show.

"This is one of the truly unique and intensely entertaining bands in the world today," Tutunjian said. "Each year we aim to see the River Street Festival grow a little stronger, and the lineup that we have put together for this show will bring thousands of people to downtown Troy for a free event."

Having sold more than 4 million albums since forming in 1986, They Might Be Giants have a rabid fan base that has watched them tour constantly for the past 20 years, including more than 15 overseas tours. They have made 13 music videos, including "Don't Let's Start," which was named one of the Top 100 Videos of All Time by MTV in 2001, and "Istanbul (Not Constantinople)" which won an MTV Breakthrough Award.

Three of their songs have made it to the Top Ten Alternative radio singles, two in the Top 20 in the UK, including "Birdhouse in Your Soul," and "Boss of Me." Their new album, "The Else," is due out July 10th.

Stars of Track & Field is a Portland, Oregon based band currently touring the country to promote their album "Centuries Before Love and War," which the NY Post describes as, "A little bit poppy, a little bit electronic, a little bit dreamy. Altogether amazing." The Oregonian calls it, "an early entry for indie album of the year." Billboard Magazine (01/07) calls their first release, "Movies of Antarctica" as "a desolate stadium anthem that echoes Radiohead and Coldplay."

The North Georgia-based rock band Last

November is touring in support of their debut CD, "All the Gory Details," released in September 2006, on Southern Tracks Records. Last November is the youngest and only indie band to get an endorsement from Monster Cable. Songs from "All The Gory Details" have already been featured MTV's "Real World", as well as other programs on that network.

Tutunjian said Thursday that he was pleased with the partnership that the City had formed with WEQX, and raised their work for bringing the festival to new levels.

"The first few years we put on this show, the arts and antiques really rose above everything, and it was a wonderful time," Tutunjian said. "In an effort to bring the festival to a new level, we have partnered with WEQX to bring in quality musical acts that people will remember. The festival is now complete and brings new meaning to something for everyone."

The City of Troy is partnering with 102.7 WEQX, WNYT Channel 13, Radio Disney, Metroland, John Ray and Sons, GEICO, Starbucks, and Troy Sand and Gravel to put on the show.

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The next regularly scheduled meeting of **Troy Little Italy** and **South Central Neighborhood Watch** will be held Wednesday, 6pm, 233 Fourth (Fourth at Washington St.) Items for discussion are 2007-08 neighborhood improvements, and preparation for The 2007 Stroll this December. Community Police will report on crime in the neighborhood, apprehension of drug traffickers and progress with nuisance abatement as it pertains to quality of life issues and the accountability of absentee landlords. The topic of sexual predators will be discussed with information that allows residents to monitor the whereabouts of convicted sex offenders that live within South Troy.

All are welcome to attend. Bring your suggestions and issues for discussion.

FOR RENT

3 BR located in Little Italy. Walk to EMPAC, RPI, Russel Sage and downtown. Italian deli, pizzeria, bakery and coffee shop 2 blocks away. Spacious living area, eat-in kitchen and cozy bedrooms. Freshly painted, this apartment has good light and good energy. Utilities are separate. Contact phone: cell (425) 269 – 4337

Cinema Under the Stars

Troy Night Out

(Il cinema Sotto le Stelle)

at The MarketPlace on Hill St. in Troy's

LITTLE ITALY

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A. DEFAZIO IMPORTS & PIZZERIA**

Friday, June 29th, Federico Fellini's

"LA STRADA"

There has never been a face quite like that of Giulietta

Masina. Her husband, Federico Fellini, directs her as

Gelsomina in "La Strada", the film that launched both of them to international stardom. With "La Strada" Fellini left behind

the familiar sign posts of neorealism for poetic fable of love

and cruelty. Winner of Academy Award for best foreign film of

1956

Help Resources

Emergencies	911
Traffic Safety	270-5157
Non-Emergencies	270-4411
Downtown Station	270-4421
North Station	237-2398
South Station	273-1682
Community Police	270-4689
Special Operations	270-5854
Animal Control	270-4640
Tip Line, Anony's.	270-5004
Detective Unit	270-4426