

LITTLE ITALY NEWS • SEPTEMBER 2008

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FESTA ITALIANA CONTINUES A CULTURAL TRADITION.

By Frank LaPosta Visco and Mike Esposito
One hundred years ago this September, Troy's fraternal organizations, businesses and places of worship joined together to observe what they called "Troy Week", a celebration of civic pride and public progress. That spirit of cooperation lives on today, as evidenced by the recent announcement by Joe Mazzariello and Vince Mamone of the Italian Community Center's Festa Italiana. Joe and Vince agree that there has never been a better time to reach out to everyone in Troy – including the lively Little Italy enclave where community spirit is high and love of Troy is unsurpassed. So, in addition to the usual fabulous features that draw thousands to the ICC Festa Italiana, this year many of the vendors from the Wednesday Little Italy Farmers' Market have been invited to move their tents to the grounds of the ICC for two additional days that week – on Saturday and Sunday, September 6th and 7th. The Festa, which benefits social organizations in Troy, will begin on Friday, September 5th from 5 to 11, continue on Saturday, the 6th from 5 to 11, and on Sunday, September 7th, will begin following the special noon mass to be celebrated in the ICC Main Hall, and wind down at 6pm. For three days you'll find the crowd-pleasing spread of delicious, traditional Italian foods, wonderfully prepared by the expert ICC kitchen maestros. You'll also find fun rides for the family and a kid-pleasing bouncy bounce, plus three days of great live music – featuring three of the most popular bands in the area. On Friday and Saturday, for those 18 and over, there'll be games of chance held in the air conditioned ICC hall. The weekend will also see the appearances of some of Troy's favorite radio personalities at several of the Festa's special events. In addition to the Little Italy sponsored Farm-

ers' Market, we will be joined by Marion Field, sharing our knowledge of neighborhood history and showing selections of the photo's still being gathered for the soon-to-be-published Arcadia book, Troy's Little Italy. If you have family photos you haven't shared or can identify any of the people or places in the other photos, be sure to visit us at the Little Italy tent at the Festa. This twentieth anniversary of the ICC Festa Italiana shares some of the flavor of the first Feast of St. Anthony held in Troy's downtown over one hundred years ago, on June 11, 1906. Members of the committee to organize the first feast were Carmelo Boscia, Anthony Bottillo, Alessio Capano, Abel Cirrillo, Joseph Panza, Sr., Joseph Panza, Jr., Michael Rizzo and Dominic Rossamando. They organized the event to continue their old world traditions and culture. The Record reported that several hundred men, women and children as well as Francipane's Italian Band of New York City marched in a parade from the church on Fourth Street to Hoosick Street and then headed as far south as Adams Street before returning to the church. The remainder of the day was centered in the vicinity of the church where colorful lights were strung across the streets. Flags of America and Italy were a part of the decorations. Traditional food and desserts were available, a concert was held and music, singing and dancing continued into the early evening. Following a huge fireworks display near the base of Prospect Park at Liberty Street (arranged by the National Fireworks Company of Jersey City), people joined in a candlelit procession to the church for the conclusion of the feast. What is remarkable about the event is that there were, in 1906, only several hundred Italian immigrant families in Troy at the time. The feast, a tribute to their patron saint and to their culture, was a huge success. Each festa, whether to honor St. Anthony of Padua or the more recent Festa Italiana organized by the Italian Community Center, is a

celebration of tradition and culture. It is a time for people of all backgrounds to gather with family and friends. Festa is a party and everyone is invited to the Italian Community Center in Troy's Little Italy at 1450 Fifth Avenue just two blocks south of Congress Street. See you at the Festa Italiana!

LITTLE ITALY IS HIRING

Troy Little Italy is seeking an individual interested in the 20 hour a week job. The job involves picking up trash and litter on the sidewalks and streets of Little Italy, noting graffiti, vandalism or illegal dumping and other shores. The person must be 55 years or older, able-bodied and have an individual income of \$13,500/year. To learn more about the job description, hourly rate and other qualifications needed for the job call Andrea Daley at 518 470-7369.



MARKET GETS NEW FENCE

Be sure to take a look at the new brick and black steel fence that's being built at the MarketPlace on Hill St. in Little Italy. The work is being done by the Troy firm of Up-State Construction and will be paid with CBDG funds awarded to Troy Little Italy. Plans are also in the works to repair retaining walls and repave the cracked asphalt.

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Call Rocco DeFazio for more information at 271-1111

A TRUE STORY

By Charle-Pan Dawson

Dana and I were very impressed by the gallant efforts of Troy Police the night my purse was stolen from the front counter of Uncle Sam's Natural Foods. It happened August 20th, the evening before the morning we were set to leave for London. I had all the things I gathered for my trip in the bag, camera, cell phone, cash, credit cards, ID, prescriptions, earrings, keys, day planner, you name it. The whole event was caught on surveillance camera. Apparently the perpetrator watched through the window to see that Bari had walked out from behind the counter to help a customer and immediately came through the door to the counter. He glanced over at us with our backs to him, snatched the purse and ran. Although the experience was upsetting, it provided an astonishing view to the inside workings of the Troy Police Department. That night Troy Police worked diligently with us to help recover some of my stolen property. A Troy Police 'sting' operation in the alley behind Dunkin' Donuts turned up a guy buying drugs with my bag on his shoulder. Then we walked the alleys with police flashlights looking in boxes and bins for discarded contents of my bag. More of my belongings were found! We watched how carefully and judiciously officers handled potentially dangerous situations. They showed maturity and restraint in dealing with rude and disrespectful people (suspects). (Another guy was found hiding in someone's truck behind LaPorto's near my empty wallet.) Overall, I saw the professional way in which they carried themselves through the difficult job they perform on a daily basis. I met Sgt. Gabriel, a seriously dedicated humanitarian, who also, coincidentally, used to live in our house when it had a pizza shop downstairs. He had some interesting stories to tell about our neighborhood. He would like to be invited to neighborhood meetings, he has a genuine interest in improving the neighborhood and wants to see the people of Troy well served by his department. I told him about how we are turning the old pizza shop downstairs into a healing center where we will hold yoga classes and lectures. Gabriel gave me his card explaining that he is a self-defense trainer and is looking for a local venue in which to teach small classes! The success of the recovery endeavor was wholly attributable to the hard work and perseverance of the officers and sergeants on duty that night. Give a warm greeting to officers R. Smith, JT Streeter, Dominick Comitale, Justin Ashe, Martin Furciniti, Sgt. Kehn, and Sgt. Gabriel if you happen to see any of them. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and caring individuals serving in the police department.

SOUTH CENTRAL TROY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

We had our last Neighborhood Watch meeting on August 20th at the Freihofer's Race Headquarters. Once again we had an excellent turnout with over 20 residents in attendance! Officer Chris McDonald gave his update on arrests and concerns in our neighborhood. There were 518 calls for service in the South Central Troy area which is 11% of total calls for the city. There were 32 arrests in our area. This is 8.6% of the total arrests for the city. Concerns continue to be graffiti and code violations. As always, please report any incidents that are of concern to you to either Chris McDonald at chris.mcdonald@troyny.gov or by calling the SOS confidential drug hotline at 270-5004. For emergencies, call 911. The residents of South Central Troy are truly "on watch" and it every meeting, we see more and more progress that is directly related to information from the community. If you want to receive regular updates through email and get crime alerts, please send an email to scroywatch@gmail.com. Feel free to let your friends know about this address. The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be on September 17th at 6:00 at the Freihofer's Race Headquarters at the corner of 4th and Washington. We hope to see you there!

JOSEPH HOUSE PROPOSES LITTLE ITALY PROJECT

Joseph House, a not for profit agency which houses homeless persons, has petitioned the City Planning Board for approval to demolish 202 Fourth St. and build a 3 story mixed use building to house clients with permanent disabilities. You are encouraged to attend and learn about Joseph House's plans at the City Planning Board meeting on Thurs., Sept. 11, 6PM, City Hall, Counsel Chambers.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Monday, October 6, 2008 is the last day to mail your registration form to the county board of elections in order to vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. If you deliver the registration form to your county board of elections, the due date is Friday, October 10, 2008. New York State Voter Registration Forms will be available at the Little Italy information table at the Farmers' Market each Wednesday, 3-6 pm. You can get registration forms at most state agency offices and post offices or at any county board of elections or call 1-800-FOR-VOTE. The voter registration form can also be used to change your name and/or address, if there is a change since you voted last or to enroll in a political party or change your enrollment. To register you must be a U. S. citizen, be 18 years old by the end of this year, not

be in jail or on parole for a felony conviction, not claim the right to vote elsewhere. Your eligibility to vote will be based on the date you file the form. Your county board of elections will notify you of your eligibility. Rensselaer County Board of Elections, Ned Pattison Government Center, 1600 Seventh Avenue, Troy, NY 12180 (518) 270-2990.

PUTTING A BOOK TOGETHER – WITH YOUR HELP!

Wait 'til you see our photos! We can't help but get excited about the terrific photos individuals and organizations have saved over the years. Recently Butch Greene, Commander of the Ciccarelli-Rea-Agars-Bevevino Veterans Post on Liberty Street gathered photos donated by members and allowed Marion Field and I to browse the collection. We borrowed several and added more gems to our collection for consideration in the forthcoming book on Troy's Little Italy. The post is now well into its fifty fourth year and continues its long tradition of honoring those who served in the Armed Forces. It also continues its charitable contributions to the community and is a social center for its members and their guests. We salute the members of this worthy organization and the volunteers who have kept the veterans post going strong since 1954. We also appreciate the loan of the photos. Our neighborhood veteran's garrison is a credit to Troy and the Little Italy community. There are several ways to reach us if you have photographs or images to share. Contact us through our email address troylittleitaly@gmail.com or call Marion Field at 266-1406. Stop by our information table at the farmers market every Wednesday, 3-6pm at the former public market on Hill Street. Frank Visco, Marion Field and I are there with a binder full of hundreds of old photos. We can use your assistance in identifying people and details in the photos. The time we spend at the old market place is made enjoyable because of the people who stop by to chat.

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, Anonymous	270-5004
Detective Unit	270-4426

1875 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS CITES TROY'S LITTLE ITALY

By Mike Esposito

Information from the 1875 New York State Census has been faithfully transcribed on to the Connors Troy Genealogy website, www.connorsgenealogy.com. The website is the source of information regarding the several dozen Italian immigrants and their families who lived in Troy in 1875. Working with official U. S. Census publications available at the Troy Public Library and the Connors website, pieces of our story, the story of Italian immigrants in Troy begins to fall into place. In the 1875 enumeration, 48,000 names have been transcribed. Eleven family names consisting of twenty seven individuals are listed in the first and second wards of the thirteen wards in the city. No street address was given but ward, district, dwelling and family numbers were assigned. Nine men were listed as head of household including their occupations: three were musicians, three were barbers and one each gave their occupation as cook, glazier and saloon keeper. **First Ward residents** listed were: Gargano - Anna, Catherine, Francis (musician), Rosa; Grobara - Rose, Auelia; Gustin - Ellia, John (musician), Joseph, Sarah; Marscono - Joseph (saloon keeper), Mary; Negora - Louisa; Oussepe - Giannella (glazier), Theresa, Thomas; Satora - Jennie, Pasquel (musician) **Second Ward** residents listed were: Matrocrocie - Joseph (servant/cook); Pampinella - Salvatore (barber), Frank, Mary, Olive, Sarah; Pasquali - Charles (barber); Shirttone - Joseph (barber), Mary Ann It's interesting that three men gave their occupation as "musician" in the 1875 census which is also the year the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall opened. I'll do more research to see if there is a connection.

CENTURY-OLD TROY CELEBRATION DISCOVERED

Submitted by Frank LaPosta Visco

A few months ago, a cousin of mine who grew up in South Troy was searching through her photo albums for material to add to the soon-to-be published pictorial history of Troy's Little Italy, being authored by Mike Esposito. In addition to the photos, she discovered a couple of printed pieces - collectors call them ephemera - describing some almost totally forgotten events of Troy's past. One is a sales brochure for a skin treatment being promoted by a live appearance in Troy of America's first Italian Hollywood idol - Rudolph Valentino. The other is smaller, but it has a much bigger impact and meaning for the city. It's a two-sided mailer prepared by Troy's Chamber of Commerce, inviting the world

to an event billed as "Troy Week," a four day event in early September, 1908. That would make this year the one hundredth anniversary of the city-wide celebration!

On one side is a panoramic picture of the tracks leading to Troy's Union Station, with men waiting and signs reading "Come to Troy Week, Sept. 6-9, '08." The other side was full of details, names and promotional copy praising Troy with a flourish of civic pride. Under the headline, "Mail me to your friends" is the resolution, worth noting here, passed by the Common Council in January of 1908, that reads: "Whereas, the Chamber of Commerce has prepared, after much thought and investigation, a suitable program for the observance of Troy Week, September 6-9, 1908, and Whereas, such a celebration will strengthen the public spirit of the citizens of Troy, will advance the city's business and will increase its influence, be it Resolved, that the Common Council hereby approves the program adopted by the Chamber of Commerce, and invites the co-operation of all citizens in preparing for a week of commemoration and festivity which will add to the fame of Troy and will unite its citizens more closely in the fellowship of civic pride and public progress." Each of the four days of the event was dedicated to a different aspect of life in the city, beginning with Church Day, followed by Labor Day, Civic Day and Educational Day. Why Troy Week was only four days long, we can only guess. One suggestion is that back then, Troy was moving so fast that a week here was as the same speed as a "New York minute." I borrowed the piece and brought it to Marion Field, and she immediately saw the potential of an anniversary commemoration of the event. Little Italy and the Italian Community Center will be taking note of the anniversary at the ICC's 20th Annual Festa Italiana the Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Labor Day this year. And at a recent T-NAC gathering, Marion invited all the neighborhoods of Troy to commemorate the anniversary at events they've planned for early September.

Obviously, the discovery of the 1908 Troy Week was too late to plan an official, city-wide celebration for this year, but our hope is that the Mayor, City Council and business leaders of the city will join together to plan the 101st anniversary of the event next year, and make it as wide-ranging and comprehensive as the original.. A celebration of that scope and magnitude would be appropriate, because a rhyming quote from the hundred-year-old mailer is still true today: "Troy is so full of so many good things That we know you'll all be happy as kings."

SATURDAY BOOK SALES RETURN TO LIBRARY

The BookCellar, sponsored by The Friends of the Troy Public Library will hold a special book sale for all fiction titles (buy them by the bag) on Saturday, September 6, 2008 at the Main Library, 100 Second Street, Troy from 10am - 2pm. Weather permitting, books will also be sold on Second Street adjacent to the Library as well as in The BookCellar. All regularly priced hardbound fiction will sell for two dollars a bag; paperback fiction will sell for a dollar a bag. The sale includes popular fiction, mysteries, romance, science fiction, classics, children's books and audio cassettes as well. All other items will be at their regular prices. Most hardbound books are fifty cents; most soft cover books are twenty five cents. Also available for sale are films (DVD and VHS format), music cassettes, and long playing records. Following the September 6th sale, the BookCellar will be opened the first Saturday of each month from October to June (10am - 2pm). Weekly book sales day throughout the year is Wednesday (10am - 2 pm).

A NEW FICTIONAL SERIES BEGINS IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF YOUR TROY LITTLE ITALY NEWSLETTER.

Watch this space for "AT LIBERTY," a serialized saga of an Italo-American family living in South Troy. The story begins in the 1920's, as a young boy and girl -- second generation children from two very different Italian backgrounds -- meet and fall in love. You'll get to know them and their families, and share their roller-coaster lives through the decades, right up to today. Along the way, you'll learn about the hopes and struggles of their parents to get to America, the drama of those left behind in Italy, and the spirit of a people determined to make a better life for their family. The series will be written by Frank LaPosta Visco, a native of Troy and a volunteer with Troy Little Italy. Born in South Troy and raised in Lansingburgh, Frank is the grandson of two of the earliest Italian immigrant families to settle in Troy. He's been a writer for fifty years. The fictional family's experiences will be based on family stories, Italo-American history, and imagination. Frank promises not to plug Delcex, or any other product, in the series.

TROY KNITTERS

Join Troy Knitters, first and third Tuesdays each month, Flavour Catre between Washington and Liberty on fourth St. in Troy, 6PM until 7:30 or 8:00PM. All skill levels are welcome.

CITY WIDE/OPEN AIR "GARAGE SALE" AT THE MARKETPLACE

Gather your clutter and turn it into cash! A huge garage sale is being sponsored by Troy Little Italy on Saturday, October 11, 2008 (rain date, Oct. 12th) from 9 am to 3 pm at The MarketPlace corner of Hill and Washington Street (the old public market). Reserve your space (or spaces) now! Only \$15 for a space 10 ft. by 10 ft., you bring your own table. After September 15th, the price will be \$20. 100% of all profits go to the Troy Senior Center for improvement of the light fixtures in the gym! You keep 100% of your sales. If you need assistance in transporting your items, a reasonable fee will be charged. There is an additional fee of \$5 which will be refunded at the end of the day, after the spaces are cleared. For information, contact Andrea Daley 470-7369.

FAMILY FUN DAY HONORS UNCLE SAM

Brothers Samuel and Ebenezer Wilson (born in Mason, NH) settled in Troy in 1789 and opened a brick factory on the west slope of Mt. Ida. Their first home was a small farmhouse near the entrance to what is now Prospect Park. In 1793 they entered the meat packing business at a site located between Adams

and Jefferson Street east of River Street and had a dock constructed at the foot of Ferry Street where they shipped cargoes of meat and produce on their own sloops. Sam Wilson was residing at 144 Ferry Street where he died on July 30, 1854. Find out more about Uncle Sam Wilson at the colorful and informative exhibit on display in the lobby of Troy City Hall at One Monument Square. Help insure future plans to honor his memory by supporting the fundraiser and other efforts of the Uncle Sam Memorial Foundation, Inc. The Uncle Sam Memorial Foundation will receive the proceeds of a fundraiser sponsored by the Terminal Tavern to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 3 – 10 pm at the Sullivan Jones VFW Post in Poestenkill. (Head east on Spring Avenue Extension, look for a huge Army tank on a lawn and you will be at the VFW post!) Food, refreshments, music, games and raffles for the whole family will be available. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for kids.

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS Friday September 26, Stanley Tucci's **Big Night**. Film starts at 8:45pm, BYO Chair. In case of rain we will move into the Gasholder Building located on Short 5th between

Jefferson and Adams.

BRINGING OUR VETERANS HOME

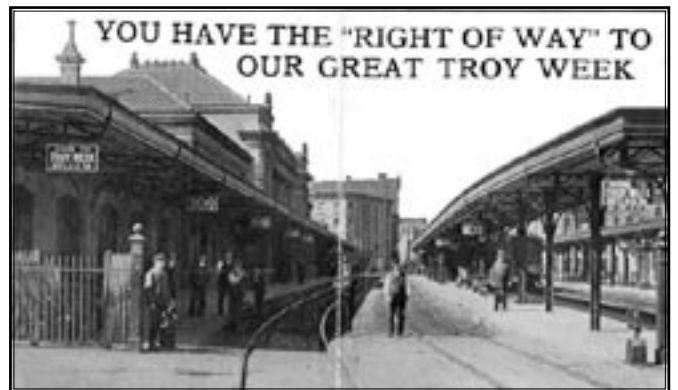
Soldier's Heart and The Sage Colleges are offering a workshop for Rensselaer County veterans of any war, those currently in the military and their families, helping professionals, clergy, and other interested community members who want to become part of a county-wide, community-based network of support for veterans and their families. Topics will include combat-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other issues that can complicate veterans' return home. Presenters include Dr. Edward Tick, author of the internationally acclaimed book entitled *War and the Soul* as well as faculty from The Sage Colleges. Space is limited, so please apply early by calling Soldier's Heart at 518-274-0501. Program dates: (6:00 - 9:00 pm) September 16 & 23, October 1 & 7, November 18 & 25, and December 2 & 9. This program is underwritten by the Louis and Hortense Rubin Community Fellows Program and is free of charge to participants. For further, please visit Soldier's Heart website at www.soldiersheart.net.

THE 100 YEAR-OLD TROY WEEK MYSTERY

by Frank La Posta Visco

As I was gathering memorabilia from my relatives for Mike Esposito's book on Troy's Little Italy, my cousin Marie Palladino Cairns, whose father owned Troy Radio way back when, showed me a one hundred year old pamphlet inviting the world to "Troy Week." It was a city-wide four day celebration of family, business, religion and civic pride. A whole week packed into just four days, exactly one hundred years ago, in early September, 1908! It seemed a shame to miss an opportunity to celebrate a centennial like that, so I showed it to Marion Field, who passed it around City Hall, and presented it to all the Troy neighborhood representatives. One person who read it commented on the aptness of a phrase that seems as true today as it did in 1908, calling Troy "a city which is alive, alert, aggressive and becoming a better commercial, educational and residential center every day." Our hope? That everything that happens in the city the week in early September will be part of the Troy Week commemoration, including local merchants specials, homilies from pulpits, and events like Little Italy's Farmers' Market on the 3rd, the Italian Community Center's Festa Italiana on the 5th, 6th and 7th, the Powers Park Saturday night concert on the 6th, and much more. But there was one phrase that puzzled everyone. It reads, "The old Troy handshake is still in operation." I thought that was an unusual phrase, and wondered if it had a secret meaning. An Internet search turned up nothing, so I turned to people I know who have a connection to Troy, to see if they knew. I received plenty of opinions, but no one really knew for sure what it meant. Deane Pfiel, a Troy native and co-developer of Powers Park Lofts and The Conservatory Apartments thought it sounded like a secret society phrase. Troy-born Art Director and Illustrator/Publisher of children's books Jack Graber had a positive take on the phrase. Analyzing it from his marketing point of view, Jack wrote: "I think that it is significant that the line is under the committee names. So, I think it means that in Troy, an honorable handshake, simple and direct, clinches deals the good old fashioned way." I'd like to think Jack is right. But a woman I know, who will remain nameless because she works in government, was reminded of a less reputable practice her father once told her. The first time he went to vote in Albany, a man thanked him for voting and shook his hand. The man passed her father a five dollar bill in the handshake. She wonders if Troy had a similar political machine that termed the practice "The Old Troy Handshake." During one of his visits to the Little Italy-sponsored Wednesday afternoon Farmers' Market, I did ask Troy's Mayor Tutunjian, who collects Troy ephemera, for his take on what the phrase means. His Honor's guess is the funniest one yet. He said that "you count your fingers afterward." If you have an idea, or knowledge of the original meaning of "The Old Troy Handshake is Still in Operation," please share it. And by all means, share in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Troy Week. Look and listen for events all over the city. It's a way to show your pride in our great old city.

(Frank La Posta Visco was born in Little Italy and raised in Lansingburgh.)



THE ARTS CENTER

The Arts Center is your newest venue to enjoy exciting and eclectic performances! The Arts Center Presents September 25th - Author Spotlight: Lucia Nevai

October 3rd - Terry Dame, Electric Junkyard Gamelan

October 12th - The Adrian Cohen Jazz Quartet Jewish Composers of the Jazz Idiom

October 14th - The Quarrymen: The band that gave birth to the Beatles!

October 30th & 31st - Wit and Will Theatre: Ghost of Troy

November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd - Mop & Bucket Company: Dynamic Improv Comedy

November 14 - Rocky Velvet:

Swingin'fortheArts

Tickets go on sale on September 2nd!

Visit www.artscenteronline.org for details on these and other upcoming events. The Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River st. Troy NY, 518 273 0552., www.artscenteronline.org.

TROY SAVINGS BANK MUSIC HALL PRESENTS THE INDIGO GIRLS

The Indigo Girls, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers, push the boundaries of convention, creating music that speaks to social justice as well as the universal themes of love, loss and the human condition. Together on stage with just their guitars, no backing band, they will create an intimate, one-of-a-kind acoustic concert. Expect to hear songs from their latest release, "Despite Our Differences" as well as classics like "Closer To Fine", "Galileo" and "Least Complicated." Saturday, September 20 at 8 PM, tickets are \$38/\$35. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, (518) 273-8945.

DIGITAL ARTIST'S SPACE PRESENTS

"The Artifactory", artworks by Jean Dahlgren and Chris Jordan, Art Faculty of The Sage Colleges. Exhibit runs from Aug 29 - Oct 24. Artist Receptions: Fri . Aug 29th and Fri Sept 26th, both 5-9pm in conjunction with Troy Night Out.

CAPITAL DISTRICT LOCAL FIRST

General Membership Meeting: Monday, Sept 8th Meet & Greet from 6 - 7pm, business meeting at 7pm. Location: At The Warehouse, 20 Learned St, Albany. Free and open to all. Local First is a network of independent, locally owned businesses that believes that the locally owned, independent business community plays a vital role in enhancing the social fairness, community spirit, financial vitality, and environmental health of the region. Troy-based member businesses of Local First include Market Block Books, Digital Artist's Space, The Sanctuary for Independent

Media, DeFazio's Pizza, Kismet Art Gallery, Brown's Brewing Company, Holmes & Watson Restaurant, Illium Cafe, Tosca, Troy Community Food Co-op, Whimsey Acres Farm, AristaCare, General Concision, Kaleel Jamison Consulting Group, and Stephen Vardin & Colleagues. To learn more or join Local First, please visit www.capitaldistrictlocalfirst.org or email capitaldistrict1st@gmail.com.

LITTLE ITALY REAL ESTATE

1 FAMILY

64 Washington St. \$179,900 Judith 821-7284
113 Hill Street \$134,900 Marion 961-0590

2 FAMILY

50 Ida Street \$19,900 Leon 727-7493
307 3rd Street \$105,500 Ian 339-3248
182 Ida Street \$89,900 Jessica 346-8600
82 Ida Street \$99,000 Jessica 346-8600
65 Hill Street \$92,900 William 331-4755
337 4th Street \$260,000 Ian 584-0743

MULTI UNITS

276 3rd St. \$179,900 Theron 279-1166
1 Irving Pl. \$249,900 Richard 852-1365
193 Second St. \$445,000 Karen 892-1326
295 4th Street \$105,000 Dave 365-4469

COMMERCIAL

230 Second St. \$195,000 Jonathon 279-1900
37 Ida Street \$119,000 Paul 369-1914

FOR RENT

3rd floor apartment available now suitable for 1 or 2 people in owner-occupied building. Washer/dryer hook-up in basement. \$600 + utilities and security. Interested parties call 273-7336.

First floor apartment Washington and 4th St, one block from Washington Park. One large bedroom, one small bedroom/office. Newly renovated, new cabinets and appliances, 10 ft. ceilings, plenty of storage, huge open living area (ideal artist space). AC, owner pays water. \$700 plus utilities, deposit, no pets, smoker discouraged. David 518-892-6767.

2nd Floor flat Little Italy Location, newly rehabbed. 2 bedrooms with an office, hardwood floors, and fenced yard. No pets. References and Security. \$800 + utilities. Call John for more info @ 274-0347

Commercial Space for lease

39 Hill Street, across from bocce courts. Be a part of Troy Little Italy. 1600 square feet. Can be sub-divided into 2 spaces. For inquires and price call Marion at 266-1406 or 961-0590.

TROY YOGA ADDS NEW CLASSES

Fall is a wonderful time to develop inner peace and nurture your physical health. Two additional evening yoga classes with new instructors will be offered in downtown Troy starting this month. Monday evening drop-in classes are ongoing and beginners are always welcome, www.troy-yoga.com.

CHRIST CHURCH WORSHIP & BLOCK PARTY IN SEPTEMBER

Free fun for all! What better way to celebrate being at the corner of State and 5th for 200 years than to hold a Block Party?! On Homecoming Sunday, September 14th Christ Church, United Methodist in downtown Troy our 10:30 a.m. worship will begin with...pigeons! (It's a great story) and from noon until 3 p.m. the fun and celebration will spin off into the street where we will have food, music and fun for all. There will be a bouncy castle, magician David MacDonald, music and carnival games. Inside if wet. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible. Also, Christ Church, United Methodist will present a workshop, "Energy Conservation and the Environment: Saving Dollars and the Planet," on Saturday, Sept. 27. The workshop will be held from 9am till noon at the Church. Presentations include Solar-Powered Life, Solar Home Installations, Sustainability/Conservation -- NYSEDA Auditing, and Sustainability/Conservation -- Demonstrations. Coffee and donuts provided.

THE SALVATION ARMY

will be having a yard/craft sale on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 9am to 2pm in their parking lot, 410 River Street, Troy. Entrance off Jacob Street. Call 272-4901 for further details. Alma Riley, Corps Officer/Pastor Troy, New York - Salvation Army

WORSHIP AND ADVOCACY IN TROY LITTLE ITALY

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

St. John's Episcopal Church, 1st and Liberty Street, Sunday services at 8 & 10 A.M.

The Basement Thrift Shop: Wed. & Sat. 9 AM-Noon, on-going.

St. Anthony Of Padua Shrine Church

28 State Street Troy NY 12180
Weekend Masses: Sat., 4:30PM. Sun. 9AM & 10 AM, En Espaniol 12PM, 5:30PM (during July & Aug. only), 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 10 AM.

Beth Tephilah Synagogue, 82 River Street, Saturday 10 a.m. service.

Congregation Berith Sholom

167 Third Street, Friday service 7:30 p.m.

United Ordained Church Of Christ

292 Third Street, Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School , 11 a.m. Worship, Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class.

ONE DAY, ONE VOICE - PUPPY MILL AWARENESS FREE WORKSHOP

East Greenbush Community Library, Sept 17th 7-9. The truth about puppy mills is slowly getting out thanks to Oprah and some others. Join us on Sept 17th at the East Greenbush Community Library as we meet to learn more and educate the community about puppy mills. There are many things we can do to help stop this cruelty. Please call 477-7476 to register.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT A HUGE SUCCESS

Hundreds of people turned out for the second annual celebration of National Night Out in Troy's Little Italy. The Osgood Neighborhood, the joined the crowd by walking up to the MarketPlace to join with Little Italy residents. The celebration emphasized the importance of community solidarity in overcoming the drugs and violence in the urban environment.

Mayor Harry Tutunjian as well as several City Council members and representatives from the Valley Cats Baseball team were present as were officers from the Police and Fire Dept. The Mayor's office provided free pizza and beverages and bags of school supplies were distributed to all who came. DeFazio's Pizza sponsored a meatball eating contest. There were two categories, kids and adults. Charlie Staats, owner of Flavour Cafe on Fourth St., won the adult contest, entitling him to compete at a Valley Cats game the following evening...he won that event, too.



BEST FRIEND SEEKS HOME

Brando is a pure bred American mutt. He's an easy soul, black with some white markings and he loves other dogs, cats and people. He weighs 29 pounds and is about 7 months old. The vet didn't think he's going to get much bigger. He looks to have a little black lab, maybe some Boston terrier in him. Brando is very healthy, has all his shots and has an appointment to be neutered. His picture is posted at www.helporphanpuppies.org. Anyone interested in providing him a home would be asked to follow the adoption process and help out with the adoption fee. If you would like to meet Brando call Cheryl MacNeil, 518 270-0978.

FRI. SEPT. 5 - SAT. SEPT 6 - SUN. SEPT. 7 2008
20th Annual Shrine Festa Italiana
THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY CENTER
 CHARITABLE FOUNDATION OF TROY
 1480 5th AVE. TROY N.Y. 12180

Friday 9/5 – Live Band, The T S Ensemble
 7:00pm - 10:30pm

Saturday 9/6 – Good Times Band
 7:00pm – 10:30pm Full Length Italian Movie - 8:00pm

Sunday 9/7– Al Bruno, Entertainer
 2:00pm - 6:00pm - Live Broadcast @ Magic 100.9
ATTEND MASS INSIDE THE MAIN I.C.C HALL AT 10 AM

A TASTE OF ITALY IN TROY N.Y.

“Little Italy” Booth
 Flavored Coffee & Italian Pastries – Flavor Café
 Italian Souvenirs & Cookbooks - ICC
 Farmers Market Friday, Saturday and Sunday

GREAT ITALIAN FOOD - KIDS FUN - GAMES-OF-CHANCE
LIVE MUSIC FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT
 Friday and Saturday 5:00pm – 11:00pm
 Sunday 12 Noon to 6:00pm