

# THE STOCKADE ★ SPY



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## Stockade Calendar

### Open Mic

#### Moon and River Cafe

Feb. 5, 8 PM (see p. 7)

#### "Proof" presented by

The Civic Players Jan.

28-30, Feb. 2-6

Evenings, 8 PM., Sun.

Matinees, 2:30 PM. 12

S.Church. Tickets, \$12.

382-2081. (see p. 11)

#### Shivering Stockade Walking Tour

Fri., Feb. 4, 7 PM.

382-5128. (this page)

#### Historical Society's Centennial Dinner

February 11, 6 PM

Glen Sanders Mansion

(see this page)

#### Colonial Metal Casting

Alan Cross, Feb. 12

1:30 Historical Society

32 Washington Ave.

(see page 2)

### Lenten

#### Courses & Suppers

First Reformed Church

(see page 7)

### March

#### Spy Deadline

February 15

## Centennial Year Celebrations Schenectady County Historical Society

Eggs were 14 cents a dozen; sugar 4 cents a pound; coffee 15 cents a pound; 8% of the homes had a telephone; 14% had bathtubs with most women only washing their hair once a month; maximum speed limit was 10 mph; average wage was 22 cents an hour; and the average life expectancy was only 47 years old! The year was 1904, the scene when the Schenectady County Historical Society was just beginning.



Former Historical Society building on Union St., next to The Stockade Inn.

To celebrate their one hundred year birthday many exciting festivities are afoot! Celebrations kick-off with a **Centennial Dinner, Friday, February 11 at 6 PM** for a Social hour, with music by pianist, Geoff Stroebel, and dinner at 7 PM.

Kim Mabee, president of the Historical Society, recently rediscovered the fun of her family turn of the century Edison phonograph and vintage records. Following dinner, she will share this special treasure with singalongs and stories. Honorary chairpersons for the event are John and Sally van Schaick, who have dedicated many hours of service to the Society over the years.

The dinner is hosted by the Schenectady County Historical Society in cooperation with the Schenectady Heritage Area, with proceeds benefiting the Historical Society's Centennial Exhibits. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please call 372-7145 for reservations and details. Dress is party attire or Victorian style (admired, but not required!)

The dinner is part of the week long Schenectady Heritage Area's **Colonial Festival. A Shivering Stockade Walking Tour**, highlights events leading up to the February 8, 1690 massacre and the massacre itself. On **Friday, February 4 at 7 PM**, \$10. Call 382-5128 for details. Also, as part of the (continued on page 2)

## Stockade Brunch! see page 2

## Sunday, February 13, 11 AM to 1 PM

(Stockade Brunch continued from page 1)



Photo by Jennifer Wells

It is getting close to Pink Flamingo Day which is also known as Valentine's Day. Last year, they visited us the day before the Stockade Brunch and it was hoped they would be here for this year's brunch. But no, 2004 was a leap year so they will not arrive until a day after the brunch.

Do not let that stop you from attending with your Valentine, or your ex-Valentine, or even your never could be Valentine! The brunch is on February 13 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at The Civic Playhouse at 12 South Church Street in The Green Room. The brunch is free.

Omelets made to your order along with fruit, breads, sweets, etc. will be served. Feel free to contribute any baked goods to the brunch.

Last year we used some celebrity cooks and for the most part they were not Stockaders. This year we are featuring Stockaders. If you would like to take a turn behind a skillet please call Peter Rumora (374-4883) and schedule your cooking time.

(Centennial continued from page 1)

Colonial Festival, is a program on **Colonial Metal Casting on Saturday, February 12** from Alan Cross, a re-enactor who casts coins, soldiers and metal spoons. He will give demonstrations and a presentation on early colonial life. Historical Society, 32 Washington Avenue, 1:30 PM Social; 2 PM Program. Free. Other programs: Mabee Farm Excavations; Flint House Open House and Excavations; Historic Storytelling; Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan; and Edison's Powerful Legacy. For full brochure and details, call Schenectady Heritage Area, 382-5128.

To also commemorate their 100 year birthday, the Historical Society has compiled a **2005 Calendar**, highlighting **1905 Schenectady photos**, certainly a great keepsake and gift for former Schenectadians. They can be purchased for \$10 at the Historical Society in the Stockade, 32 Washington Avenue, 374-0263; the Folklore Society on Jay Street; the History Center at City Hall; Salamack's card shop on Union Street; and the Rustic Robin's Nest in Rexford.

Other future Centennial activities include a special week long Symposium in April and, at this writing, a special **painting commissioned by Leonard Tantillo** of the early days of the Schenectady settlement. More details will be in upcoming *Spys*.

Note: Special thanks to Kim Mabee for the beginning statistics in this article. Kim received them from MaryJane Turner, "100 years ago . . . my Mom was 5 years old!" Through Yahoo, Kim, without retyping, forwarded it to us in a matter of seconds. Imagine this in 1905!



"Here Tinker Hilkiah Cross of Old Schohary uses common objects to explain daily life in Early America." He teaches document reading from the New England Primer. Photo by Stephen M. Fogle

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# Neighborhood News

Deb Douglas, Recording Secretary

**Stockade website: [www.historicstockade.com](http://www.historicstockade.com).**

## **Stockade Association Board Meeting Minutes January 4, 2005**

Present: Joe Fava, Debbi Douglas, Diane DeMeo, Lyn Gordon, Dale Miller, Peter Rumora, Bob Preville, Connie Colangelo, Eli Taub and Fred Kindl. Sylvie Briber and John Samatulski were present as guests. Joe called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Fred made a motion to approve the minutes of the December board meeting. Peter seconded the motion. After a correction is made on the spelling of a name, the motion is passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report/Budget**

Lyn presented the treasurer's report, and after discussion, Diane made a motion to accept the report. Fred seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Old Business/On-going Issues**

#### **Website Review**

We will be opening up a discussion with Jennifer Wells in regard to the Historic Stockade website, its current and potential uses. Sylvie will invite Jennifer to the February board meeting to discuss.

#### **Master Plan**

Joe and Dale reported on a meeting they had with Commissioner, Carl Olsen. They presented our draft ideas of plans to improve the Stockade in regard to several areas, including signage and traffic patterns. Dale drafted a follow-up letter to Carl Olsen to reiterate our plans and re-emphasize our support for cooperation between the Stockade and the City. Future communications will be reported.

#### **Historic Commission Representative**

A motion was passed at the December 2004 board meeting to recommend Marilyn Sassi be appointed to the Historic Commission to represent our interests in the Stockade. Connie requested to go on record as being opposed to the Board's approved recommendation.

#### **Sidewalk and Painting Incentives**

Deb reviewed minutes from several meetings last year to continue discussion on the current incentive structure. Lyn will convene the finance committee to discuss the financial aspects of continuing the award structure in its present form.

#### **New Business**

John Samatulski from the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corp (DSIC) was present as a guest to discuss the continuing partnership with the Stockade Association and the Historical Society. John also took the opportunity to discuss the emerging role that spe-

cial events will play in the revitalization of downtown. There was also a good discussion regarding the possibility of establishing a temporary seasonal dock near the esplanade at Riverside Park and the benefits of being able to draw boat traffic to the Stockade. It was suggested that Brad pen a letter to Mayor Stratton to apprise him of an outline of the plan to install a temporary seasonal dock, and ask for a meeting to discuss possibilities.

In other new business, Lyn reported that Rita Allen has generously volunteered to be archivist for the Stockade, including compiling past and present materials for future use.

Debbi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM. Dale seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **Stockade Association General Meeting January 20, 2005**

Board members present: Dale Miller, Peter Rumora, Diane DeMeo, Lyn Gordon, Bob Preville, Fred Kindl, Connie Colangelo, Brad Fisher, and Debbi Douglas

In the absence of President Joe Fava, Dale Miller called the meeting to order at 7:35. Bob Briber made a motion to accept the minutes of the November general meeting. Bob Hayner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lyn Gordon presented the report to the group, including net revenue from the Walkabout of \$2,467. Bob Hayner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Priscilla Goche seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Master Plan Update**

Dale reported to the group that a master plan committee has been formed and has met to discuss various ideas for the Stockade. Joe Fava and Dale met with Commissioner Carl Olsen to discuss the ideas, and will report any updates. Dale invited anyone who would like to participate in the planning committee to contact him. There will be an open brainstorming session in early March. Dale asked everyone to plan to attend with all old and new ideas for improving the neighborhood, your street, the park, etc.

### **Kerst Kermis/Tree Lighting**

Diane DeMeo reported that the turn-out was good, and they will work out challenges for next year. Profits from the event were divided with *(continued on page 5)*

# Stockade Stars

- Beverly Elander

## George Soltysiak

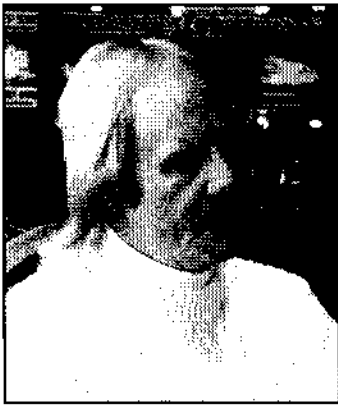


Photo by Beverly Elander

George Soltysiak's hand-written sign under the glass of Arthur's outdoor bulletin board announces that he offers "snow shoveling (when in season), painting, gen. maintenance, and cleaning." What this list omits is that Green Street resident also manages three buildings in the neighborhood, as well as waters the garden around

Lawrence and helps to erect the annual Stockade Christmas tree.

Meeting for coffee at the 1795 Cafe one recent Sunday afternoon, I almost missed George. Instead of his usual woolen hat jammed down over his longish red-blond hair, he sat down at the table, spiffy in his Irish Knit sweater. A transformation? Nope. Just another side of George I hadn't seen during my first year living in the Stockade.

George wears many hats. Besides his self-acclaimed role as "Stockade Handyman," he is a guitarist. Like his skills at painting and carpentry, his musicianship was mostly self-taught. Known professionally

as "Salty Dog," George was a Mt. Pleasant kid of the 60's, who practiced in the garage with the guys and played at high school dances. It was only later that Virginia Frederick took him under her wing and taught him about music theory and chords.

After a stint in the Army, George found his way to the French Quarter in New Orleans where he played afternoons at Papa Joe's on Bourbon Street for a couple of years. But the lure of the Stockade drew him first to 30 Front Street and then to 23 North Ferry Street. A brief marriage took him away from the neighborhood he had come to love, but three years ago he returned, this time to an apartment the end of Green Street, opposite Lawrence and Arthur's, with his cat Max.

Occasionally practicing his guitar with his son Daniel (who plays bass and guitar), George still finds time for his music, and expects to perform this summer at Pinhead Susan's, singing, if impending hand surgery interferes with his playing.

An incredible upbeat person who likes living in the Stockade because almost "everybody knows your name," George expressed a dislike for only a couple of things: "rude people, and people who don't stop at stop signs." But these pet peeves are apparently not enough to dissuade the content resident. I'm never leaving the Stockade again."

And the rest of us are fortunate that he won't.

## Schenectady Archaeology and History Institute (SchenArch)

For those who have yet to hear it, local archaeologists, historians, and educators have formed the Schenectady Archaeology and History Institute (SchenArch) to promote research and public awareness of Schenectady County's extraordinary heritage. As our readers may know, the county boasts the nearly unparalleled preservation of many farms and homes from the 19th, 18th and even 17th centuries - and also holds a pivotal place in the history of American settlement, trade, and technology. The mission of SchenArch is to optimize studies of the county's physical and archival resources by promoting economic revitalization and public awareness through well publicized programs of investigation, preservation, education, and dissemination. This is not exactly the same as the newly formed Friends of Schenectady

Archaeology. There are several differences (and many similarities). Specifically, SchenArch aims to bring together professionals to: exchange information and ideas; coordinate research taking place in the region; and stimulate public interest in our archaeological and historical resources.

If you are interested in working with the alliance, or have a project with which the alliance might help - or simply want more information - please contact Steve Jones at (518) 381-1826;

email doniphin@earthlink.net; address 1077 Wendell Avenue, Schenectady, 12308; or Louise Basa at (518) 377-4389; email basaconsulting@att.net; address 1220 Waverly Place, Schenectady, 12308.

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CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), the group that ran the event at the Van Dyck. Connie Colangelo once again thanked Jean Zegger for her generosity in donating the Christmas tree, and the park's department for picking up, setting up and securing the tree.

**Walkabout**

The committee is in the early planning stages of this year's event, as this event takes a full year to plan. Lyn Gordon reached out to the group to consider volunteering in any aspect for this and every Stockade event.

**February Brunch**

Peter Rumora reported that the planning for the February brunch is on track for February 13th at the Civic Players Theatre. All neighbors are invited.

**Other Business**

Connie opened a discussion on the sidewalk and painting incentive program. The future shape of the program is currently being reviewed in the finance committee. Greg Sauer pointed out how the program was fiscally guided in the past, and Lidia Pasamanick reported actual expenditures for this year. Some discussion followed, and updates from the board will be reported at future meetings. Beth Petta remarked that it's a nice feeling that the neighborhood appreciates the work homeowners are doing to improve their homes, and the incentive makes them want to go the extra mile.

**By-Laws**

Greg Sauer requested an update from the by-laws committee, and Debbi reported that

Eli will be updating the Board at the February meeting, and we will report to the general membership at the March general meeting.

**Guest Speaker- Ray Gillen**

**Board Chair- Schenectady Metroplex**

Connie welcomed and introduced Ray Gillen. Mr. Gillen graciously spoke to the group for over an hour, discussing the exciting development prospects that Schenectady is now looking forward to. He explained changes that he has made to Metroplex, including an updated website, consolidated economic development programs, and cost-cutting measures. Mr. Gillen went on to describe projects downtown that are in various phases on development on Erie Boulevard, State Street, and Jay Street. Finally, he discussed broad ideas for waterfront development, bike paths, the YMCA and better ways to cross Erie Boulevard. He specifically asked for Stockade Association input on areas that effect us directly: the bike path, the parking lot design for the Gillette house, and uses for 108 Union Street. Mr. Gillen fielded questions from the group for about 20 minutes, and invited anyone to contact him at Metroplex.

There being no further business, Brad Fisher made a motion to adjourn, Sylvie Briber seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

**Correction to January's Neighborhood News:**

Stan Hickok (not Hitchcock) has volunteered to reconstruct the association's last three years of finances in order to bring us to compliance with the IRS to maintain our 501 C3 status.

**Stockade Association Notes**

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• The board is in the process of collecting designs for a new logo for the Stockade. We would like to add it to new historic plaques, street signs, welcome signs, advertisements, banners, and anything else that is an official Stockade publication. What should we use that will make the Stockade logo instantly recognizable? Should the logo incorporate Lawrence, the old fort, a stockade fence, or one of our many unique buildings? We welcome all designs, but they must be simple enough to be used on historic plaques - look at the Historical Society's logo on the existing plaques. The new logo must also work in raised metal outlines on a 2 inch diameter circle. The deadline for entry is March 1st. Please submit your final version with your name and contact info to Dale Miller, 217 Green St. The logo committee will meet after that to discuss the submissions and their merits. All submissions become the property of the Stockade Association. To volunteer for the logo committee, call Dale at 381-6189.

• Anyone interested in being considered for a seat on the Stockade Association Board, please call Lyn Gordon, 370-4324, with your name, summary of why you are interested in serving and your specific interests. Terms are for two years. Election takes place at the May meeting.

# Stockade Stories *from Dorothy Dietrich*



The Flood of 1987

## Caught Doing Good

Or at least doing fun in a flood. Or making adventure on a dull cold day. These boys are rowing in a backyard during a flood of the Mohawk, winter, 1987.

These guys, Georgie Weinstein and Danny Dowling, are now, each, a graduate of Cornell and of Union College. George makes his career in the hospitality industry (hotels and restaurants) and Dan is studying for his MBA at SUNYA.

Georgie's parents, Martin and Caleen Weinstein, now live in the Village, NYC, and Danny's live in Scotia. Martin taught real estate law at SCCC, and Caleen, a Brazilian and French-speaking, taught the nursery school at St. George's. Dan's father, Tim, teaches psychology and is a counselor at Union College, and Susan teaches at St. Anne's.

As we are all aware, the Stockade has often attracted vitally interesting people.

Many thanks to Fred Heitkamp for verifying names and occupations.



End of Ingersoll Avenue



The road on Van Slyke's Island to the Community College and bike path.



Stairway at the end of Cucumber Alley

## First Reformed Church Offers Lenten Courses and Suppers

First Reformed Church of Schenectady will offer three 5-week courses during Lent preceded each week by suppers. The public is invited to participate in either or both. The courses and suppers begin **February 16, 2005.**

The course offerings are: An invitation to the Spiritual Life led by Ellis Hospital Chaplain and Director of Pastoral Care, Paula Gravelle, *The Jesus I Never Knew* led by Interim Associate Minister Jim Neevel based on the popular book of the same name by Philip Yancey; Perspectives on Poverty led by Bethesda House Executive Director, Peggy Anderton and Senior Minister, Bob White which will examine factual information, practical analysis of the plight of the poor nationally and in our own community, concrete action steps to help, and biblical perspectives on the plight of the poor and the Christian call to social justice.

The suppers will be held at 6:00 PM in the church's Friendship Hall. A donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family is suggested for the supper. The courses will begin at 6:45 PM and are free of charge. Room listings are available at the Church St. entrance. If interested in attending a course, please call the church office at 377-2201 or feel free to drop in. Childcare and activities for young people will be provided after the supper. The church is located at 8 North Church Street in the Stockade.

Other February events include **February 6's** Rededication Sunday celebrating the church's history and its recent renovation. The service begins at 10:00 AM and refreshments and a video presentation of the renovation will begin after the service at 11:00 AM. Ash Wednesday will be commemorated on **February 9** with a service at 7:00 PM preceded by a biblical supper at 6 PM.

## From *The Spy's* Mailbag

I am JJ Johnson and am a born-again Stockadian, having lived on Washington Avenue for just over 2 years this time around. I made my home here on lower Union St. back in the 80's as well. Over the past 25 years I have lived in several neighborhoods in Schenectady and nothing compares to this community.

As host of the poetry reading on the first Saturday of each month at the Moon and River Cafe, I would like to invite poets and all who enjoy poetry to join us for our monthly open mic.

It is, of course, not necessary to read your own poetry, as some readers often choose pieces from authors whose works they personally enjoy. Also, if you want to listen without reading at the mic, there are plenty of tables to sit and have a cup of something hot on a cold night. The next reading will be this coming **Saturday, February 5, 8 pm.** We began holding open mics at the Moon and River on opening day last May 1st and have had a nice mix of poets from Schenectady, some from Albany and as far away as Long Island.

Here is a brief poem, inspired by the first reading at the Moon and River Cafe.

### Moon and River

A bright and steamy afternoon  
Beside the shady path, I sat to rest my weary legs  
As I looked up a lonely glimmer caught my eye  
And I thought it odd, mixed in the blue, the moon seemed out of place

Next to the path, the flowing river  
Filled the air with the peaceful rush of quiet water  
Between the ripples, the pulsating shimmer rolled  
While the orb of night tumbled over waves then faded out of sight

Rising from the green of ground  
Fading with the Sun, behind my steps, the splashing drowned

By cars, where horses once strode over cobble stones  
Along the way are reminder signs of history and bone

These ancient streets exclaim their story  
Between the walls of homes much older than old glory  
Clouds fill the empty sky, daylight casts a final sliver  
Walking home through the Stockade streets, I saw the Moon and River

- JJ Johnson 05/01/2004

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## Stretch 1987 - 2004

Stretch the dachshund who lived with Karen Pandell and Rob Surico of Washington Avenue died on December 27th after a brief illness.

Stretch had lots of good times in the Stockade during his 17 years of life. He loved the many friends he made at Arthur's Market, and on his daily walks around the Stockade and in Riverside

Park. He and his antics were the inspiration for a recently released children's book.

Stretch was a happy little dog who loved life, and the neighborhood in which he lived.

Note: The above illustration of Stretch is by Karen's sister, Debra Bermingham. She is a nationally known artist whose works are at the Whitney, and in notable collections such as the General Electric and Phillip Morris Companies among others.

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Feb. 6 (to be announced)

Feb. 13 Joy Vrooman - Stockade resident - "My Funny Valentine" and other love songs on the Baby Grand

Feb. 20 Steve Scarlata - Stockade resident - exquisite guitarist and songwriter

Feb. 27 Paul Cronin - classical piano - Debussy, Chopin, Revel

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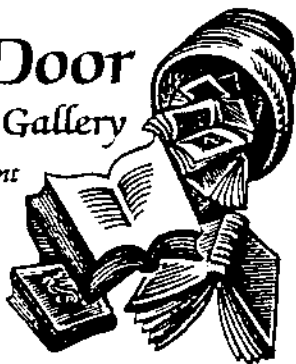


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## Everyday Art

- Catherine de Salle

### The Power of Sight

I brush by a clump of Rudbeckia on some garden path and the yellow-gold of the petals stays in my memory for months.

A thousand white butterflies in the lane.

Steamed green beans bright against a copper colander. The mud-brown of the Mohawk and the brown wooden slide glowing with wax in Steeplechase Park.

Blue doorways glimpsed from train windows.

The pink sheen of dusk on Mount Marcy that winter's night.

Someone's silky blue suit against a turquoise sea on some beach in some other lifetime.

Powerful visual images vanish in seconds and stay with us forever. Always in the small things. The small things you think you'll forget. But you never do.

A scrap of fabric. The shape of a thumbnail. The bluest eyes.

Civic Players present David Auburn's

## "Proof"

**Jan. 28, 29, 30 & Feb. 2 - 6**

On the eve of her 25th birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman, has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a world-famous mathematician. A burgeoning romance and discovery of a mysterious notebook draw her into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness - or genius - will she inherit? **"Proof" is a 2001 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award best play winner.** Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church Street. Tickets, \$12. 382-2081.

## SCHENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS

2004-2005 Season

### Proof

January 28-30, February 2-6

### Missing Link

March 11-13, 16-20

### Moon Over Buffalo

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## Birds of the Stockade

All the birds that occur in and around the Stockade use various types of songs and calls. Calls are usually defined as short stereotyped vocalizations that are innate, while songs are more complex and often must be learned. Birds can have a dozen or more distinct calls, which they may use in specific ecological circumstances: alarm calls signal danger; contact calls locate other individuals; flight calls keep the flock together and so forth. Song variation occurs in different individuals.

- James L. Taft

AKA Captain Eagle Eyes

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*- Tidings -*

- Susanna Sherwood of Front Street has moved across the street and is very happy at the Riverside Apartments.
- Dr. Cullin and Shirley Burris, formerly of Front Street, are happy in their retirement center in Albany. Shirley is doing well after some recent health problems.
- Sending loving thoughts to JoAnn McDonald and her family, our Washington Avenue neighbors.
- We're all glad to hear that Clare Weiner, Anne Bradbury, and Werner Feibes are doing well after recent surgery and illnesses.
- Condolences to Helen DiRisi of N. Ferry Street and her family on the passing of her sister, Bernice Lencewicz, a lifelong resident of North Street.

*If you know of any items for "Tidings" (neighborhood arrivals, departures, births, deaths, anniversaries) please call The Spy Editor, Sylvie Briber, 377-0469.*

**Important Numbers**

**Emergency 911**  
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**Trash Collection, Waste Collection Schedule & Recycling 382-5144**  
**Snow Parking info. 382-5279**

**Feb. Waste Collection Dates**

**Friday, Feb. 4**  
**Friday, Feb. 11**  
**Friday, Feb. 18**  
**Monday, Feb. 28**

Waste Collection starts at 6:15 AM. Please put waste on the curb **after 2 PM** the day before.

**New Grocery and Deli Shop!**

After receiving a "hot tip" from John Chequer, I strolled over to discover for myself! Sure enough, near the YMCA and Save-Mor Cleaners on State Street, I met Gino, proprietor of the soon-to-be-open **Romanino's Deli & Groceries**. He and buddies, Michael and "Cigar" Joe, were painting, drilling and sawing to ready the building for a hopefully mid-February grand opening.

Gino says he will be selling Italian sandwiches, latte and coffee with tables to sit down and enjoy along with milk, eggs, cigarettes and more, and with free delivery to Stockade neighbors! Their number is 377-DELI.

Look for more in the next *Spy* or stroll over and see for yourself.

- Sylvie Briber

**Snow Emergency Info**

Be advised that the city, especially during snow emergencies, will be ticketing and towing cars parked illegally. Please be careful that where you park at any time is within a legal space.

Odd/even parking during snow emergencies replaces/supersedes normal one-side-only parking that is usually on most Stockade Streets.

To receive timely info, sign up for the Stockade email group. Just send a blank email to: [HistoricStockadesubscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:HistoricStockadesubscribe@yahoo.com). For email questions, call Dale Miller, 381-6189.

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