

Pine Hills NA Meeting April 19 2018

PHNA Board members present

Virginia Hammer

John Hammer

Eric Schadow

Leah Golby

Gene Solan

Carolyn Keefe

Gene Solan

Jonathan Duda

Meeting called to order 7PM - V Hammer

Presentations

Melanie Metzger, Assistant Director, Albany Public Library

<https://www.albanypubliclibrary.org/>

APL continues to see increased visitation. Many library users access the wifi and use computers for internet and email. Community groups use the meeting rooms several hundred time a year. The library is used as a co-working space by many freelancers and self employed. 68% of library staff live in Albany. Seven branches city wide. Clean fiscal audit from NYS Comptroller.

See the following for library use statistic https://www.albanypubliclibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/cmtty-mtgs_spring2018_3.26.18.pdf

2019 2% tax increase - This is a \$4.59 increase for a house with a \$150,000 value

School and Library vote Tuesday May 15th.

Library podcast <https://www.albanypubliclibrary.org/podcast/>

Public Safety Nate E.

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450 Hudson Ave

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CUCR Luke R - UAlbany

St Patrick's Day - Student out of town

One reported burglary over break.

Pine Hills Spring Cleanup April 28th noon to 4. Ridgefield park - Julia Healy coordinating,

ETEC building broke ground in Harriman Campus

<https://www.albany.edu/news/86488.php>

UAlbany Graduation May 19 and 20

Zoning

College of St Rose is looking to demolish three buildings.

PHIG - Midtown Pine Hills

Next meeting April 23th Monday 6:30 Hanner Center.

Meet Munch and More planning underway

Draft plan for Madison Park

Downtown corridor study progressing

Upper Madison Improvement Group

Pine Hills Film Colony Movies relocated to Steam 10 Theater - Second Saturday at 7pm.<https://www.albany.edu/news/86488.php>

Upper Madison Street new banners being purchased.

Free concerts at Elks Club Starting in July.

Upper Madison Street Fair - September 23 2018

Planters - BMT to allow use of water faucet allowing less strenuous watering.

Tierra closed for renovation. Send Tierra a message here

<https://tierrafarm.com/contact/>

Owusu Anane - Albany 10th Ward - Owusu is sponsoring legislation that will eliminate Civil Service test fees for veterans and high school graduates.

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Doug Bullock - Albany County

Albany County Change of leadership.

<http://www.albanycounty.com/Home.aspx>

911 dispatchers- City and County shared services

Environmental - Styrofoam ban legislation

Paid Sick Leave - Legislation affecting private employers and non-profits

Meeting adjourned.