

Pine Hills NA Meeting October 18 2018

PHNA Board members present

Virginia Hammer

John Hammer

Eric Schadow

Leah Golby

Jonathan Duda

Marilyn Douglas

Ric Chesser

Meeting called to order 7PM - V Hammer

Presentations

Louisa Marra - St Catherine's Center For Children - Located at 40 N Main , 4th Floor

Outreach center at 231 Sherman St

St Catherine's has many homeless services available.

Project Connect - engage homeless in Albany - Participate in Albany Police Department LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion)

Project Host - Healthy Outcomes and Supported Transitions

https://www.st-cath.org/programs_and_services/Homeless-Family-Services_82_pg.htm

Sam Wells - City of Albany Neighborhood Stabilization Coordinator - Vacant Buildings

Currently 1065 vacant buildings in Albany

Three categories of vacant buildings

Tax foreclosures

Zombie buildings - Bank owned but not foreclosed

Vacant private owned - This includes buildings where the owner has deceased as well as other privately owned, vacant buildings

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Buildings Blocks software system used to combine different city departments data into a common reporting platform.

Albany participating in additional vacant building grant funding programs.

(Reference article from All Over Albany)

<http://alloveralbany.com/archive/2018/01/17/albany-vacant-building-list-effort-2018>

Vacant Building forms and information available on the Building and Code website

<https://www.albanyny.gov/Government/Departments/DivisionOfBuildingsAndRegulatoryCompliance/Forms.aspx>

The Neighborhood Stabilization Coordinator position has been funded on grants of the past two years. Mayor Sheehan has funded this position in the 2019 city budget.

Contact Building and Code codes@albanyny.gov 518-434-5995

Tracy Calone Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - Albany Community Action Partnership - <https://www.albanycap.org/>

WAP program assists low income residents with weatherization projects. Program is available to homeowners and also rentals properties with renters who meet the income guidelines. Approximately 120 weatherization projects are completed each year. Average project cost is \$6,000.00.

<https://capalbany.iescentral.com/menus/energy-services.html>

Committee reports

Public Safety Nate E. and Joe A

Car larcenies continue - Reminded residents to not leave anything in your car that can be stolen.

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CUCR Luke R - Next CUCR meeting Nov 14th at Lasalle School
Community Dinner raised \$2000 as fundraiser for Quail and Sheridan Ave fire victims.

UAlbany Homecoming - tailgating rules have been updated

http://www.ualbanysports.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=15800&ATCLID=211045689

PHIG - Midtown Pine Hills

Next PHIG meeting Oct 22 Lasalle School Hanner Center @ 6:30
Madison Park playground and mural project

PHNA email list is migrating from Yahoo to Google Groups by end of 2018.
PHNA members are receiving duplicate emails - one from Yahoo and one from Google. Unsubscribe from the Yahoo group to stop receiving duplicates.

Upper Madison Improvement Group

Upper Madison Street Fair review - Stilt walkers were popular attraction.
16 new banners installed on Upper Madison Ave with an additional 16 more on the way.

Madison Theater work underway - Tierra coffee shop opening soon.

Pine Hills Film Colony - Second Saturday at 7pm @ Steamer 10

Laura and Ashley from ASEZ.ORG - Saving the world from A to Z - Coordinating trash cleanup - see <https://asez.org/>

Owusu Anane 10th Ward -

- Proposed City budget released
- City street light purchase
- Curbside waste pickup \$90.00 year
- Albany asking for \$12.5 million state aid
- Owusu met with new Albany Police Chief
- DGS - requesting input into the top 5 streets to be repaired
- Moliendo Cafe Open at 791 Madison Ave

<https://blog.timesunion.com/tablehopping/59983/colombian-restaurant-opening-on-madison-avenue-in-albany/>

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Doug Bullock - Albany County

- Albany County proposed budget
http://app.albanycounty.com/dmb/budget/2019/2019-Executive_Budget.pdf
- Albany County Nursing Home has available beds
- Local Laws - Hotel Consumer Practices and paid sick days

Meeting adjourned 9PM