

Pine Hills NA Meeting September 20 2018

PHNA Board members present

Virginia Hammer

John Hammer

Eric Schadow

Leah Golby

Gene Solan

Perry Junjulas

Marilyn Douglas

Carolyn Keefe

Laurie Lieman

Meeting called to order 7PM - V Hammer

Presentations

Aaron Kelsey - 759 Madison Ave. Aaron Kelsey has purchased the 759 Madison Ave building. Building has extensive water damage including collapsed floors. Aaron is working with Albany to map a path forward for the reconstruction of the house and grounds.

Martin Daley - Capital District Regional Planning Commission www.cdrpc.org
Martin's presentation covered the installation, use and care of rain barrels. Rain barrels are used to collect rainwater and store it for use watering lawns and gardening. Collecting water during a rainstorm keeps the water from running into the storm sewer and then needing to be processed at the sewer plant.

<https://cdrpc.org/2018/06/rain-barrels/>

David Hochfelder - Capital Region Community Choice Aggregation Program - David presented information on Albany and surrounding municipalities creating a Community Choice Aggregation Program. The purpose of a CCA is for municipalities to join together to purchase electric power at a discount. CCAs are already operating in New York including Westchester County. Citizens are not required to participate and can opt-out.

<https://sustainablewestchester.org/community-toolkits/community-choice-aggregation/>

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Community_Choice_Aggregation

<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities/Clean-Energy-Communities-Program-High-Impact-Action-Toolkits/Community-Choice-Aggregation>

<https://wnyt.com/news/city-of-albany-considers-buying-power-in-bulk/4932645/>

Committee reports

Public Safety Nate E. and Joe A

Larcenies at Price Chopper

Reminded residents to not leave anything in your car that can be stolen.

Four wheelers and dirt bike issues

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CUCR Luke R - UAlbany - fall classes started 17,000 students

ETEC building construction is underway

Oct 14th Pine Hills Cleanup

PHIG - Midtown Pine Hills

Meet Munch and More 650 people attended

Next PHIG meeting Sep 24th @ 6:30

New Playground at Madison Park donated by the manufacturer KOMPAN

https://www.bizjournals.com/prnewswire/press_releases/2018/09/15/UN08632

Mural at Maple Leaf Market is moving forward.

PHNA email list is migrating from Yahoo to Google Groups by end of 2018

Upper Madison Improvement Group

Upper Madison Street Fair - September 23 2018

New banners installed on Upper Madison Ave

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Judy Doesschate 9th Ward -

- Hackett Blvd flooding during rain storms - Sewer backflow preventer reimbursement has been increased from \$1500 to \$2000
- City Budget due Oct 1st
- ACPAC Ward 9 Member is Erik Lehtinen

Doug Bullock - Albany County

- Land Bank active in moving properties
- Solar array considered at Albany County Nursing Home.
- Paid Sick Day legislation

Meeting adjourned 9PM