

PHNA MEETING

Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7 PM

**LaSalle School, Student Dining Room, Main Building (note location change)
Parking is available in the lot off of Western Ave.**

CDTA BUS RAPID TRANSIT

River Street Planning is part of a team of consultants working with CDTA to help plan for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the Western/Washington corridor. You may be familiar with BRT from the work that CDTA has been doing on Central Avenue including new and improved stations, fewer stops, bus priority over signals, new buses with upgraded amenities, and more frequent and convenient schedules.

In addition to several planned public meetings, River Street will also be presenting information at the regular meetings of Neighborhood Associations in the Western/Washington corridor, including PHNA. The presentation will include an update on the Route 5 work and an opportunity for neighbors to provide input about the alternatives under consideration for the Washington/Western corridor. Schedules permitting, a representative from CDTA will also be present. Members of the New Albany and Manning Boulevard Neighborhood Associations are also invited.

SPRING 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

February 18th: Members of UAlbany and St. Rose Student Service Organizations will discuss their missions and how students and neighborhood associations can work together for the benefit of the community.

March 18th: Common Council Members Representing Pine Hills. This is our annual opportunity to engage in a discussion with our representatives.

NEW PHNA PRESIDENT

Our President, Dan Curtis, has had to step down due to a move out of the Pine Hills neighborhood. Vice President Julia Healy has ably moved into the position of President. As a past President, Dan remains on the board of directors and continues to be active in the PHNA organization and in the Pine Hills community. PHNA thanks Dan for his energy and commitment.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

PHNA membership renewal notices will be going out in late January via email and US mail (for members who haven't provided us with their email address). The membership year runs from October through the following December. You can renew via the Pine Hills NA website (<http://www.PineHillsNA.org>) or send your renewal to Shannon Hickman at the address on the back of this newsletter. There's also a membership application there for new members. Your membership dues support worthwhile neighborhood strengthening events and activities. Please help us continue to do so.

REMINDER: FOR SNOW EMERGENCY INFO – CALL 476-SNOW !!

Also remember - there is **no recycling pick-up** during a snow emergency - place your recyclables curbside the following week

Support our Advertisers! A number of neighborhood businesses and professionals have helped us to defray the cost of this newsletter. Stop by when you're in 'their area' to say THANK YOU and support them as well. Most recent advertisers include **Bros. Tacos, Kay Nichols, and Homespun Occasions.**

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COMMUNITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Pine Hills, New Albany, and Manning Blvd Neighborhood Associations, in partnership with Friends of the Madison, Albany Public Library, Steamer 10, Pine Hills Elementary School, St. Andrew's, Emmaus, Citizen's Bank, St. Rose, and various area merchants and not-for-profit groups, held "Taste of Madison—a neighborhood celebration" on Saturday, October 3 from 11 to 3. Despite the threat of rain, neighbors of all ages came together on Upper Madison Avenue to listen to music, play games, borrow books, have their hands painted, buy vegetables, make seed balls, and partake of a variety of food and other goodies on offer. All those present agreed that this event was just the first of what can turn into a bigger and better celebration held periodically to promote the wonderful organizations and businesses right here in our own backyard.

The Upper Madison neighborhood tree lighting, Grand Opening of the Pine Hills Branch of the Albany Public Library, and the Holiday House Historic Tour of Pine Hills followed in rapid succession.

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

The Albany Police Department can conduct home security surveys and advise homeowners and tenants about what they can do to make their homes and apartments safer. You can also notify APD if your home will be unoccupied while you are away on vacation, etc. For information, contact Officer Rick Romand at 458-5669 or 458-5660.

----- **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** -- cut here and mail to Shannon Hickman, 358 Partridge St, Albany NY 12208 -----

name		

street address		
_____		_____
city		state zip
_____		_____
phone		email (used for PHNA email list only)
Membership Dues (circle one and enclose check payable to PHNA):		
Household		\$10
Student		\$5
Senior (65+)		\$5
Business or Not-for-Profit Supporter		\$25
Business Sponsor		\$75
Institution		\$125

- (Check activities that interest you)*
- Organize a neighborhood event (block party, garage sale, holiday decorations)
 - Serve as a:
 - Welcome to the Neighborhood* Ambassador
 - Tour Guide for *Historic Pine Hills* Tours
 - Quality of Life* Ambassador
 - Organize/join a neighborhood:
 - Babysitter Co-op
 - Book Club
 - Improvement Activity
 - Knitting Group
 - Sports Team
 - Other _____
 - Deliver the PHNA newsletter and flyers
 - Serve on a PHNA committee
 - Communications
 - Finance
 - Membership
 - Public Safety
 - Zoning and Code Enforcement

SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!! The PHNA email list helps us stay connected and keeps you up to date with PHNA news. Please send your email address to Henry M. Madej at hmmadej@yahoo.com.