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# THE PINE HILLS NEIGHBOR

A Neighborhood to Discover;  
A Place to Call Home —  
Pine Hills

SPRING 2011

PHNA Boundaries: N: Washington Ave; S: Cortland St & Woodlawn; E: Lake Ave; W: Up to Manning Blvd & West Lawrence

## Upcoming Pine Hills Neighborhood Association meetings:

### May 19

Featuring  
Marcus Buckley  
VP of Finance at St Rose

### June 16

Visit our Website  
for details  
www.PineHillsNA.org

Meetings held in the  
Hanner Cultural Center  
at the LaSalle School

7pm

## 2011 Pine Hills House and Garden Tour

Tuesday, June 21  
5-8 p.m.

Presale tickets available  
May 1 at St. Andrew's,  
10 N. Pine Ave.  
between hours of  
9am and 1pm.

Proceeds benefit HAF  
and BUMP (Beautify  
Upper Madison Project)

## Get Involved and Make a Difference in your Community!

Various PHNA board positions need someone like you! Current open positions: Vice President, Treasurer, Program Coordinator, Area Reps., and newsletter distributors.

Please contact Board President  
Todd Hunsinger at  
toddhun16@yahoo.com



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## HUDSON RIVER COFFEE HOUSE IS CENTRAL TO STRENGTHING STUDENT/NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS

The relationship between students and full-time residents in Pine Hills continues to be a prevailing theme in discussions among neighbors, meetings, and online forums. The YouTube exposure of the March mayhem has only widened the rift. Efforts are being made to bridge the gap including the distribution of a "Know Your Neighbor" brochure developed by members of the SUNY Student Association. Among the more significant strides is that of Anton Pasquill, former SUNY student and now current owner of the Hudson River Coffee House on Quail Street.

In a recent interview with Anton, I learned about several initiatives and community activities spawned from his comforting, living room-like establishment in this recently transformed former home of the Hudson River Telephone Company. *Helping Hands* involves students seeking out residencies of the elderly and disabled, offering them assistance with the upkeep of their properties (to minimize the effects of

the "broken windows theory" concerning neighborhood appearance). *The Albany Action Initiative* will identify neighborhood issues such as low lighting and assign students the task of researching data so that facts and figures can be

provided when addressing issues with city officials (or utility companies in the case of low lighting). Anton has also been active in the Neighborhood Watch program to which he has been driving students to apply and participate.


With a successful organized student spring clean up compounded by future hopes for the development of a Business Improvement District (as currently exists for Lark St. businesses), this gem in the middle of a high student concentration will serve as a prime location for the involvement of students with their community. A closer connection to one's neighborhood can boost one's respect for their surroundings and hopefully help to alleviate problems for the future.

-Jonathan Duda




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# Stay Aware



With the warmer weather brings more potential for theft—particularly from vehicles. On a recent weekday in broad daylight, a teen was spotted near St. Rose campus peering into parked cars and trying door handles. Thankfully, campus security quickly acted following a report of the individual.

Here are some **tips to identify a potential thief in action:**

- Looking into windows of parked vehicles
- Slowly walking along with the appearance of having no destination in mind
- Lifting door handles
- Loitering in or near parking lots
- Groups of individuals standing close to a vehicle

## According to City of Albany code:

Cabs and hacks **cannot honk** outside of residences after 10PM or before 7AM

If you hear a disturbance during these hours, get the cab's **company name** and **cab number** and report it to:  
**Officer Curt Ricci: 458-5625**



### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail to: John Hammer, 52 S. Allen St., Albany, NY 12208

Or fill out the **online application** and pay via credit card.  
 Go to: <http://www.pinehillsna.org/membership.php> and click:



*(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

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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

