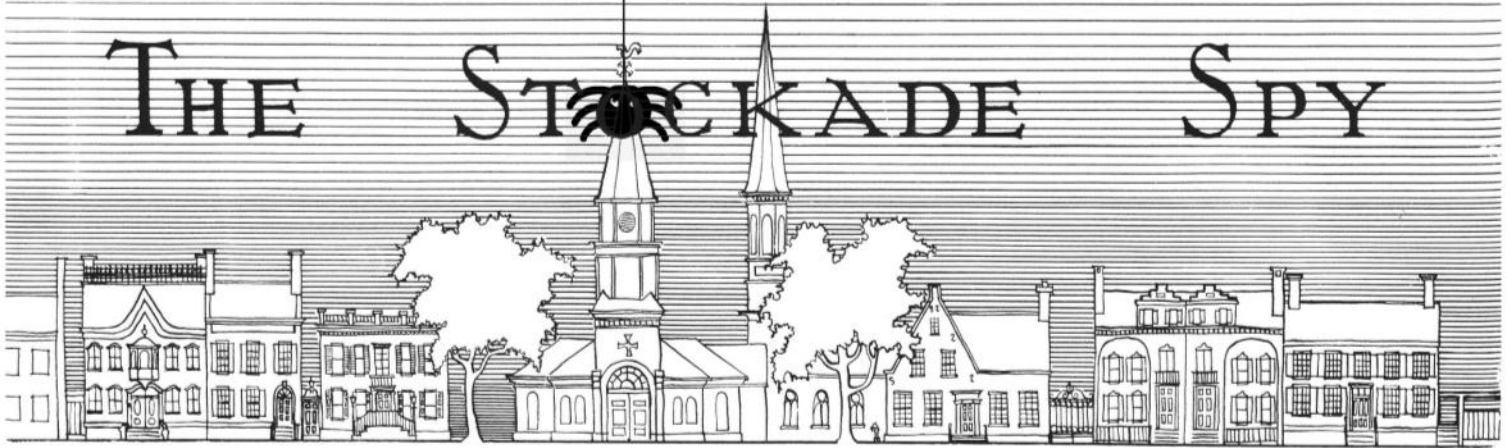


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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 19, and 26

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STREETSCAPE KICK OFF SET FOR OCTOBER 10

All Neighbors Invited to the Walking Tour!

The Planning4Places consultant team was introduced at the Stockade Association's September General Meeting on September 20. Planning4Places consultants Katherine Ember and James Levy introduced themselves and gave an overview of what the plan will cover and how it will proceed in the coming months. Those present were invited to sign up for one of four one-hour walking tours of a section of the Stockade.

The next step in the planning process is a Kick Off Event on October 10. The walking tours will begin at 5:30 p.m. that evening starting at St. George's great hall. Each of four groups will tour a specific section of the Stockade (see map) and participants will have an opportunity to share with the tour leader what they like and dislike in the way of sidewalks, trees and traffic. Everyone will return to St. George's at 6:30 and the group as a whole will review and discuss what was learned from the tours. Matt Ingalls from Ingalls Planning & Design and Liz McKinley from Davey Research Group as well as Ms. Ember and Mr. Levy will serve as tour leaders and facilitators.

The Planning4Places team will use residents' comments and ideas to develop the plan that will ultimately be presented to Stockaders next Spring. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up for one of the October 10 tours, contact Suzy Unger to reserve a spot. Those who cannot attend the October 10 meeting are invited to take a self-guided tour at their convenience and complete the form others will be completing during the tours. Residents will be able to download the streetscape audit form after October 10.

Contact Suzy Unger (suzanne.unger@gmail.com) if you have any questions or comments about the streetscape plan.

See walking tour map on Page 3.

**SAVE THE
DATES**

Streetscape Walking Tour Kick-off, Wed., Oct 10, 5:30-8pm (See above)

Deadline to register to vote, October 12

Candlelight Tours, Fridays, October 12, 19, 26. (See above)

Deadline Schenectady Foundation Thriving Neighborhoods Challenge, October 19th.

Flood Mitigation Meeting, Tues, Oct. 23, 5:30 at St. George's Church (See p. 5)

General Membership meetings, Thurs., November 15th. January 17, March 21, May 16 Annual meeting

November 6, 2018, Election Day

Stockade-athon. Sun., Nov. 11

President's Column - Carol DeLaMarter

Recently I attended a presentation on the redevelopment of lower State Street, an area adjacent to the Historic Stockade. There is lots of excitement about the Mill Lane Artisan District, and businesses and apartment dwellers who will be part of that historic area in the future. There was no mention about how this will impact the historic Stockade area. Recently, I've also heard concerns raised about other areas bordering our neighborhood at the corner of South Church and State, and rail bridges at Green and Front Streets. I've also met with several individuals who want to see that the building that is home to historic Arthur's Market survives and thrives. You may feel not much can be done but there are opportunities to speak up, share your ideas and concerns, and help.

In October, the Stockade Streetscape project will kick-off and be looking for resident input. See the related Spy article on the front page. Join us in planning to improve the quality of our residential public spaces. Recently, the Schenectady Foundation launched the "Thriving Neighborhood Challenge." This grant program will fund citizen ideas to make our neighborhood stronger, healthier, safer, greener and sustainable. For more information and how to apply see schenectadyfoundation.org. Deadline for idea proposals is October 19. If you've had a wish or vision that meets their goal, you can submit directly to them. The Stockade Association is a 501c3 non-profit and can support this requirement. As always, questions to the Stockade Association or offers of help are always welcome. Use stockadeassociation@gmail.com or specific contact information printed on back page.

GET READY FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION!

In the 2017 November election, Stockade residents voted at a rate of 30% of all registered voters in the district. According to a Gazette headline, this is "pretty shocking." All the information you need, including the registration form, absentee ballot and sample ballot is available at Schenectady County Board of Elections website schenectadycounty.com Board of Elections or at SCBOE office at 2696 Hamburg St, Schenectady.

Not registered? You still have time but you must complete the registration form by October 12 (25 days before the election).

Recently moved? You can still vote (if registered) at the poll but you will be required to complete the affidavit. Just ask the poll worker what you need to do. You can also follow the registration process with a new local address.

Need an absentee ballot to vote early? Ballots are available from the Board of Elections. It must be returned before the polls close or postmarked no later than November 5.

Where do you vote? Stockade residents in Election District 1, vote at Ten Eyck Apts. 375 Broadway. District 1 is limited to Stockade residents living on south side of Union St. (even house #) District 2 residents (everyone else) vote at St. George's Episcopal Church 30 N. Ferry St.

The League of Women Voters is organizing candidate forums.
Check out their website lwvschenectady.org for announcements.



STOCKADE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM: October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019

Founded in 1957, the purpose of The Association is the Preservation, Protection, and Improvement of the Stockade Historic District.

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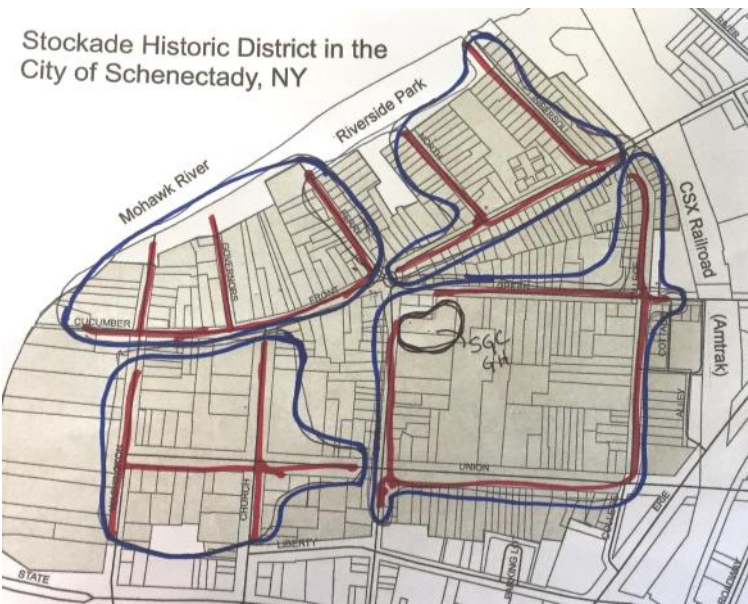
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**Stockade Association Board Met
September 5**

The Stockade Association Board met on September 5 at the First Reformed Church. The following board members were present: Carol DeLaMarter, Bob Lemmerman, Doug Chilton, Peter Rumora, Nathan Morgan, Susan DuFour, Dianne Crozier, Colleen Macaulay, Keith Dayer, Bob Stern.

Also present were: Lawrence James, Tina Caruso, Richard Unger, Sylvie Briber

The board approved the following motions:

To approve the 2018-2019 budget including a \$5,000 item for the Gateway Project (at Union and Erie Blvd.) to restore the gateway to its original design. The motion passed unanimously. To authorize the President of the Stockade Association to sign the Agreement with Planning4Places, the Streetscape Subcommittee's recommended consultant team selection, subject to the agreement presented.

The board also reviewed the September issue of the *Spy* and heard an update on the Pump Station.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Stockade Flood Mitigation Project

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The project is divided into two phases. Funds for Phase One: Comprehensive Mitigation Analysis in the amount of \$1,206,000 have been awarded. Phase one will evaluate existing conditions, evaluate alternatives and recommend a preferred mitigation solution. Once Phase One is complete, FEMA will consider awarding just over \$7,545,000 for construction in Phase Two. It is anticipated that Phase One will be complete by the end of 2019.

The City has retained the services of River Street Planning & development to assist with project management and community engagement. Technical services will be coordinated by a team of professionals led by Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects that includes engineers, community designers, hydrologists, and cultural resource specialists. The scope of work for the project will include:

- Identifying a range of potential mitigation approaches by:
 - Evaluating the causes and impacts of flooding in the Stockade neighborhood from wet weather events, hurricanes, seasonal thaw and ice jams and completing engineering, hydrological, environmental, natural resource, and other assessments.
 - Evaluating existing conditions in the Stockade neighborhood, documenting which areas are most vulnerable to flooding and completing architectural, urban design, landscape architecture, ecological and related assessments.
- Evaluating all identified potential mitigation alternatives by preparing an engineering study with preliminary design, cost estimate, level of protection, technical feasibility, cost effectiveness and Environmental, Historic & Preservation (EH&P) impacts for each alternative.
- Selecting the best practicable mitigation alternative, completing a design development process, and providing a final scope of work and design for the selected mitigation alternative to be proposed for construction in Phase Two.
- Conducting a comprehensive community engagement process including meetings, focus groups, interviews, and a project website.

City staff and project team members are planning a community meeting at St. George's Church on October 23rd at 5:30pm to introduce this project, get initial feedback and answer questions.

For more information, please contact Kristin Diotte, Director of Development for the City of Schenectady:

kdiotte@schenectadyny.gov or 518-382-5147 (Ext. 5149)

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Sun., Oct. 7 12-1:30pm Jenny Milchman will sign her mystery set in the Adirondacks, **Wicked River**.

Sat., Oct. 13 1-2:30pm William Kennedy & editors, Paul Gron-dahl and Suzanne Lance will sign **Bootlegger of the Soul: The Literary Legacy of William Kennedy**.

Sun., Oct. 14 12-1:30pm Chris Graf will sign, **A Light in the Window: The City Mission of Schenectady**.

Sat., Oct. 20 11:30-1pm Steve Light will sign his new picture book, **Builders and Breakers**.

Sat., Oct. 27 1-2:30pm David Pietrusza will sign **T.R.'s Last War: Theodore Roosevelt, The Great War and a Journey of Triumph and Tragedy**.

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St. George's Church at 30 North Ferry, is holding a Caribbean Dinner on Saturday, October 13, 2018 to raise money for church projects. The dinner will be from 6 to 8 p.m. It will feature live entertainment, a Caribbean band, thanks to the support of Paragon Jewelers.

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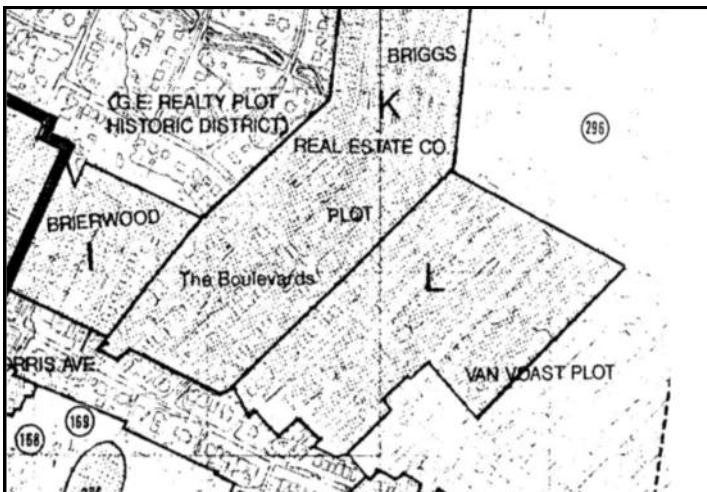
HEIRLOOM AMERICAN

- Holly Van Voast

As someone who's recently discovered that they were a member of an influential historic Schenectady lineage, I am learning more and more about Schenectady history. But this next finding was super interesting. This story involves the individuals responsible for bringing Thomas Edison to Schenectady.

To ensure Thomas Edison's purchase of two abandoned locomotive manufacturing buildings in Schenectady, private citizens and merchant families "subscribed" to a fund to make up a \$7,500 difference in the price of the buildings and what Edison was willing to pay. \$500 and \$200 was a great deal of money in the 1880s. I did not know that there was a documented connection between this event and my family, but in fact, the "Vedder & (great-great-grandfather Albert) Van Voast" lumber business was one of the \$200 subscribers to the fund. Great Schenectady names mentioned in the news stories of this event include Col. Robert Furman, Daniel David Campbell, W. G. Schermerhorn, H. S. Barney, John A. DeRemer, Horace Eggleston, and Jonathan Levi, who it seems spearheaded this historic Schenectady event with Col. Furman.

It feels to me as if the citizens of Schenectady turned their family industries into electricity which lit the world. This old map shows a "VAN VOAST PLOT" in Schenectady. I've often wondered where the trees for the (Stockade area) Vedder & Van Voast lumber business on Green and John Streets came from. Perhaps the lumberyards took the trees from the lands pictured here, and elsewhere in or around Schenectady?



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