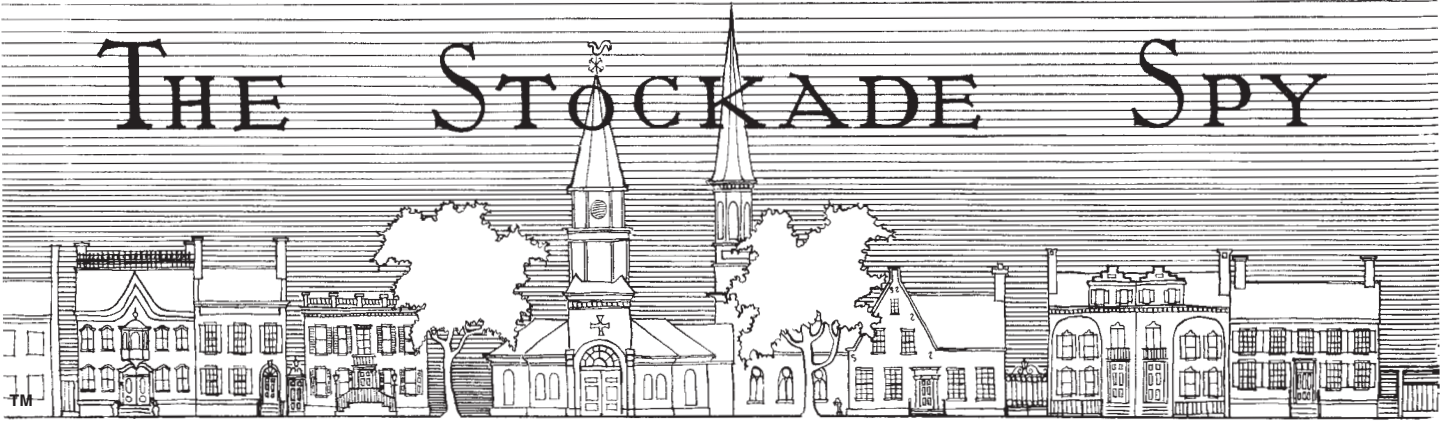


THE STOCKADE SPY



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ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!

MVP Health Care®

Stockade-athon Sunday, November 9

New to the neighborhood? The **Stockade-athon** is recognized as the oldest "major" 15K road race in the USA, starting in 1976. As one of the premier autumn road races in the Northeast, it attracts world-class runners, along with 1500 other serious to not-so-serious participants. Runners travel through Schenectady's historic Stockade, Central Park and historic Vale Cemetery.

The race starts at 8:30am, with runners entering the Stockade at Washington Ave. and exiting via Front St. by 9am. Marshalls ensure safety on closed roads.

\$5,000 in prize money is awarded for open, master and team runners, with 15 age-group categories for first, second and third place male and female finishers. And hot and cold post-race refreshments!

Go to stockadeathon.com and Facebook to register and for more info.

So grab a hot drink, bring a noisemaker, gather at Lawrence, and cheer on the runners!

IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION

If you need to get your car out of the neighborhood before 9am, you should plan on leaving before 8:30, or plan ahead and park elsewhere in the neighborhood (like Union) where you won't get cut off by the race.

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Remember!
the speed
limit in the
Stockade
is now

**SPEED
LIMIT
25**

★ ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 4 ★

Information, a sample ballot, and forms are available at Sch'dy County Board of Elections: schenectadycounty.com/boe or by calling the Board of Elections: (518)377-2469.

You must be registered to vote! Check your registration status at: schenectadycounty.com/boe and link to NYS Board of Election.

3 WAYS TO VOTE

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON until Nov. 2. Closest site is the Hon. Karen B. Johnson Library (main branch)

IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY - November 4, 2025 Stockade residents have two assigned sites. Those living on the south side of Union St. (even house #) or east side of Washington Ave. between State and Union, vote at Ten Eyck Apartments, 375 Broadway. **All others vote at First Reformed Church, Covenant Hall, 10 N. Church St.** This is a change from recent years.



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**NOVEMBER
WASTE COLLECTION
FRIDAY, NOV 7
MON, NOV 17 & 24
Appliance pick up:
Monday, Nov 17**

WHAT'S UP DOWNTOWN

Sign up for a weekly update on downtown art, entertainment and business:

downtown
schenectady.org

**December Spy Deadline:
NOVEMBER 15
Please email Editor:
sylviebriber@gmail.com**



56TH DOWNTOWN SCHENECTADY Holiday Parade Saturday, November 22 5pm

Ring in the Holiday season in Schenectady at the **56th Annual Holiday Parade** presented by MVP Health Care, in partnership with the County and City of Schenectady.

Enjoy the northeast's largest night-time holiday parade with the magic of sparkling floats, glittering firetrucks, marching bands, dance troupes and Santa Claus!



*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

President's Message - Katherine Stephens

As we say goodbye to spirited Halloween festivities and move closer towards The Holiday Season, I want to encourage us all to keep the seasonal spirits of charity and community alive through the year.

There are many of us in the Stockade who need support no matter what the time of year and we are lucky enough to have organizations within our historic boundaries providing services across the City and the region. Things of My Very Own, located at 249 Green Street <https://thingsofmyveryown.org/how-we-help/>, provides crisis intervention services to children escaping abusive situations at home. YWCA of North-eastern NY, located at 44 Washington Avenue <https://www.ywca-neny.org/hap/>, provides safe housing and services for homeless and/or low-income women, runs two early learning centers, provides healthy relationship education, and offers 24/7 domestic violence support. How incredibly lucky are we to have such compassionate work taking place right here?

If you are compelled to support these organizations, please visit their websites listed above to see how you can help. You don't have to donate money or items- though you can! You can give your time- which is irrefutably a most valuable resource. Not only do these organizations take donations year-round (see a list of suggested items in our meeting announcement), there are special holiday drives that you can support in the next two months. Please check the websites for appropriate donations- this is not the time to get rid of those moth-eaten wool sweaters (repurpose or recycle those!) And if you or someone you care about need these services, please please reach out to these trusted organizations or call 988. These next few months may grow darker because of the weird Day-light Savings Time thing and the magical Winter Solstice, but together we can bring each other light!

If there are organizations you support, and would like to give them a shout out in the December Spy, please email the Association at old.dorp@historicstockade.org and I'll include it here!




Stockade Association General Membership Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 20, 7pm - Refreshments!
Stockade Inn, corner Church & Union St.

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME!

SPEAKER: Betsy Henry
from ReTree Schenectady

Please join us for the November Neighborhood meeting on Thursday, November 20 at 7pm at the Stockade Inn. **Betsy Henry from ReTree Schenectady** will speak to the neighborhood about the work they do, ways we can support their mission, and other ways we can help trees in our community thrive.

We will share board updates and ask attendees what kind of topics and speakers they'd like to see at future neighborhood meetings.

Come prepared to enjoy light refreshments and please join us in supporting the **YWCA** and **Things of My Very Own** by bringing new and unwrapped toiletries like toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner, diapers, lotions, body spray, deodorants, or hairbrushes. This is not an exhaustive list but please remember these items **MUST** be new. Looking forward to seeing you there. All are welcome!

- Katherine Stephens, Stockade Association President



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Regular Membership: Upon the payment of dues, *voting* membership is available to any individual owning property, renting, or owning a business entity within the Stockade Historic District

Affiliate Membership: Upon the payment of dues, any individual or organization not eligible for regular membership is eligible to become a *non-voting affiliate* member designated as a "Friend of The Stockade."

Dues: Individual: \$20; Household: \$25; Business owner: \$25; Affiliate: \$15.

- Individual
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- Check one:** **Check one:**
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Anyone living in the Stockade is eligible for a regular membership

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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**NOW OFFERING
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The *Stockade Spy* is distributed free to the neighborhood monthly and mailed to non-resident members and "Friends." Please make checks payable to: The Stockade Association
Mail to: Stockade Association Treasurer, 32 Washington Ave., Suite 100, Schenectady, NY 12305

SAVE THE DATES

Stockade Association Social Hour - Mondays at 3pm, 11/3, 10, 17, & 24 at Arthur's Market.

Stockade Association Board Meeting - Mon., 11/3, 7pm, Stockade Inn. Contact President Katherine Stephens at old.dorp@historicstockade.org if you would like to observe a board meeting.

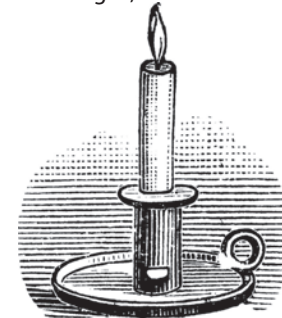
Stockade-athon - Sunday, November 9, 8:30am start. See article on front page.

Stockade Association General Membership Meeting - Thursday, November 20, 7pm

Schenectady Holiday Parade - Saturday, Nov. 22, 5pm. See article on front page.

Samhain* (sow-win) - Victoria Gatta

The wheel turns on, as days grow few.
Sunlight fading—winter's breath draws through.
From beyond the veil, a whispering north wind sighs,
Calling across the darkened skies.
Be silent now, the Earth takes rest;
In stillness, shadows make their quest.
Keep a candle lit, its flame at ease,
So wandering souls may pass in peace.
Pay no mind to the carriage's moan—
This is the night he rides alone.
For when the hour is cold and hoar,
He may yet stop before your door.



*Samhain is the Irish name for November.

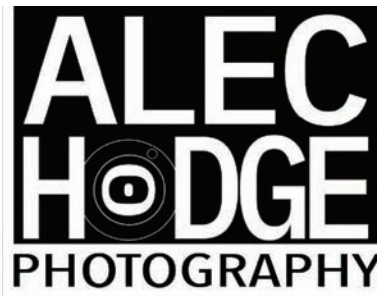
VOTING, continued from front cover

ABSENTEE/MAIL-IN BALLOTS Applications for mailed ballots must be received by Nov.3, in person. Follow directions on ballot to cast your vote. Submit by mail postmarked by Nov.4; in person to BOE by Nov. 4; bring to an early voting site by Nov. 2; or to your polling site on Nov. 4.

QUESTIONS? CALL 518-474-1953

Schenectady residents will be voting for three City Council members and one County legislator as well as County District Attorney and County Sheriff.

REGARDLESS HOW YOU CHOOSE TO VOTE IN 2025, MAKE YOUR PLAN AND VOTE!



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Plan for Holiday Happiness!

Get in the spirit by decorating your house with candles in your windows, wreaths on your doors, and garlands draping your railings. The holidays bring many visitors to our Stockade so let's make it extra festive!



56th Annual Holiday Parade, presented by the County and City of Schenectady, Saturday, November 22, 5pm. This is the largest night-time holiday parade in the Northeast with sparkling floats, glittering firetrucks, marching bands, dance troupes and Santa Claus!

The Festival of Trees daily, December 6 - December 23, 10am - 4:30pm (closed 12/24 and 12/25). \$8 for adults; kids under 12 are free. Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Ave, Schenectady.

Stockade Tree Lighting, Sunday, December 7 at 5:30pm around Lawrence Circle at Front and Ferry Streets with holiday welcomes, blessings, carol singing, and surprises! All neighbors and visitors are welcome.



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NOVEMBER WASTE COLLECTION DATES

FRIDAY, NOV 7. MONDAYS, NOV 17 & 24.

APPLIANCE PICK UP: MONDAY, NOV 17.

No building materials or electronics will be accepted!

Single Stream Recycling: Put all recyclable material into one container for collection. Pick up starts 6:15am. Put waste to curb the day before, after 2pm. Please remove emptied containers promptly. Questions? visit: www.cityofscheneectady.com, click on "services," or call the hotline at (518) 382-5144.

Didn't Get a Spy? Pick up a copy at Arthur's Market at Front & N. Ferry, Schenectady County Historical Society at 32 Washington Ave., The Stockade Inn, corner of Union and N. Church, First Reformed Church, enter on N. Church St., Slick's Tavern, corner S. Ferry & Liberty, or call Sylvie Briber at 518-377-0469 or text at 518-727-3269. Current and back issues of the Spy can be found on the Stockade Association website: historicstockade.org. Click on "The Spy Archive."

Celebrating 200 years of the Erie Canal



Photo by Bob Stern

A replica of the Erie Canal boat, **Seneca Chief**, making a Bicentennial Voyage from Buffalo to New York Harbor, commemorating Gov. DeWitt Clinton's 1825 inaugural journey, arrived in the Stockade, Mohawk Harbor on October 14.

Join the community planting of the **White Pine Tree of Peace**, bestowed as gift to the City & County of Schenectady from the crew of the Seneca Chief. **Sunday, Nov. 9, 2pm**, Riverside Park, between Governor's Ln & the Pump Station

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