



Northside United

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Neighborhood News

There have been lots of activities and concerns raised in the past few months:

Carpenter Business Park

The land which was previously owned by Maguire Motors on the other side of Route 13 has been purchased by Cayuga Medical Center. On September 13, the Northside United Steering Committee met with John Turner and Tony Votaw from CMC and Tom LiVigne from Park Grove Realty (the developer) to discuss the plans for this property and to tell them NU's concerns regarding affordable, low income housing, neighborhood traffic patterns and that the development be environmentally friendly including adequate green space.

CMC/Pine Grove said that they do not have a fixed plan at this time. They are talking with many community people and are hiring an urban planner who will involve the community in the design process. They want to have a mixed use development which would include low income housing, if feasible. They also anticipate several local shops (no national retailers) and a medical building, possibly with a clinic.

The developer said they are considering putting parking under the buildings. They are willing to explore alternative locations for the Community Gardens within their design.

Northside United stressed its concern that the plans include low income housing. CMC has not made a firm commitment to this. They hope to bring a plan to the Planning Committee in six months. We will keep the neighborhood posted. If you have ideas that you will like to present, come to our next NU meeting or contact Carl Feuer of our Affordable Housing Committee at carlfeuer@gmail.com.



2017 Northside Celebration



In August, we held another vibrant and successful Northside Celebration. There was lively music, good food, a beautiful exhibition of Tibetan Dance, a Listening Tent and a massage tent!

Children enjoyed free ice cream cones, very creative face painting and the fun and adventure of the Physics Bus. Those smoke rings were a big hit! The Southside Community Center CUMEP program performed dances with a message. It was great—we look forward to next year.

Traffic Calming

Thanks to Eric Hathaway who responded with due speed to the requests of neighborhood folks about traffic signage. Seph Murtagh, 2nd Ward Alderman, reported: "I spoke with Eric Hathaway [City Transportation Engineer]. He's sent in an order to post pedestrian signs with down arrows and new ladder style crosswalks at 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Streets along Hancock Street. He's also asked for a 'pedestrian ahead' sign on the eastbound approach to 5th Street and to add ladder style crosswalks. The all way stop at Hancock/Lake/Willow [is] installed."

Eric Hathaway is still taking requests for the new traffic calming program. You can make requests at <http://www.cityofithaca.org/DocumentCenter>. Click on 'Report a Concern.' Requests must be received before 12/31/17.

Community Gardens

The Community Gardens is asking for the support of the Northside community. The Gardens are being asked to

consider relocating. But the Gardens Board states "the Gardens best serve Ithaca at its current location and that any move away from the neighborhoods it serves would make access to the Garden difficult, would be extremely disruptive to an established gardening community and would threaten its very existence." If you are concerned about the garden, please contact your Common Council reps.

Eliminating Housing Discrimination

The Tompkins County Office of Human Rights and the Human Rights Commission have joined a coalition effort to extend housing discrimination protections to individuals using housing subsidies. This Statewide Source of Income Coalition is being coordinated by ERASE Racism New York. The Office of Human Rights is committed to working with landlords, tenants and other housing stakeholders in an effort to eliminate impediments to fair hous-

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ing choice for all residents in Tompkins County. For more information about the Source of Income protections, please contact TC Human Rights Commission at 607-277- 4080.

Welcome 210 Hancock Neighbors!

Northside United is looking forward to welcoming our new neighbors at the 210 Hancock Street. On January 8, 2018, our meeting will be a Welcome Party for the new Northsiders. Sadie Hays is coordinating this with INHS. If you are interested in organizing the party, please contact Sadie at sadiehays@gmail.com.

Mentors for Change

Mentors for Change, an organization which works with community members returning from incarceration meets every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at 516 W. Martin Luther King Street. The meetings provide support and information about resources in the community. All returning citizens and their family members are welcome. If you have questions call Phoebe Brown at 351-0939.

Tibetan Cultural Day

25th Annual Ithaca Tibetan Cultural Day Saturday, November 18, 11-3. Tibetan Buffet Lunch, Gift Items on sale, Silent Auction. Tickets \$12 in advance/\$15 at the door.

Info: tsokyi@cornell.edu

Harvest Fest

Harvest Festival at Beverly J Martin School November 17 6-8 p.m. The meal is free. Bring a dessert if you can.

Hurricane Maria

We are deeply concerned about the plight of Puerto Ricans after Hurricane Maria. In the spirit of caring for our neighbors, we encourage people to donate funds to rebuild this torn island. Donations can be made to Community Soup Kitchens: [Paypal cdpecpr@gmail.com](https://www.paypal.com/cdonor/expresscheckout?source=ac) or the mariafund.org.

Free Science Workshop

The Free Science Workshop, a division of the Physics Bus, has opened a space at 210 Hancock. Children are welcome to drop in after school. The Workshop is dedicated to providing Northside with more options for kids.

Our next Meeting: Monday, December 4, 5:30 for dinner. Childcare provided. At the Quaker Meetinghouse, 3rd & Madison Streets.

Neighborhood Opinions

Northside Unites would like to begin a conversation about current affairs that affect our lives and neighborhood. Two members of Northside United have submitted the following opinion statement. What do you think?

To Remember, Return to Membership, to Make Whole

by Teresa Grady and Phoebe Brown

Puerto Rico, We remember you

In the wake of the hurricanes which ravaged Texas, Florida, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, our hearts are with the people who must now rebuild their interrupted lives. Puerto Rico stands out among the hurricane victims, as the President maliciously chose not to respond immediately to the crisis there, different from his responses to other hurricane victims. Instead of aid, President Trump initially withheld the natural federal reflexes afforded all the other hurricane victims, subsequently hurling insults and degradation to the Puerto Rican people, indicative of the US colonial relationship to that island and its people who have never had Federal representation, nor say in who is president.

Black Lives Matter, we remember you

We are grateful to the Black NFL players who have been exercising their First Amendment rights by kneeling to remember our Black neighbors who systematically are gunned down by police, hoping to bring to everyone's conscience that Black Lives need to matter more in the grand scheme of things. Our national policies (slavery, Jim Crow laws, mass incarceration, police shootings of unarmed Black civilians, and voter suppression) toward Black people in our streets and neighborhoods, in the court, prison and voting systems, need to be overhauled.

Charlottesville, VA. is an example of how our national values are far off the mark as the President suggests that "there are good people on both sides" while ignoring one group's premise that white people are superior to Black, Brown, Red and Yellow people. Emboldening and affirming White Supremacy is an outrage! This belief must be condemned by all officials sworn to uphold the constitution as it breathes from the Declaration of Independence "All men are created equal..."

Our displaced neighbors, we remember you

As the housing market in the Northside neighborhood skyrockets pushing prices far beyond the reach of the poor, who just two decades ago predominantly populated this lovely Northside neighborhood in Ithaca. We find ourselves without the families who were raised here, as they have had to move to find more affordable housing. While this is the trend across the globe, we as a community must believe and act accordingly that the poor, Blacks and the Puerto Ricans are US, and the unjust norms must not be tolerated nor ignored as this is how great crimes are committed by "good people."



Save the Date

Welcome 2018,
Welcome New
Neighbors Party
Monday, January 8, 2018
Friends Meetinghouse
Meet our 210 Hancock
Street neighbors.