



# Lincoln Hill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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You Are Cordially Invited  
to Attend the  
LHNA Hotdog Social



Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m.  
At Lincoln Park Roundtop

## This Year's Hot dog Social

Come join your neighbors for some hot dogs, conversation and relaxation.

LHNA will provide the picnic tables, grills, hot dogs & rolls, plates and plastic ware, and beverages. If you would like to bring a salad, a hot dish, munchies and dip, or whatever – that will be greatly appreciated. You may also want to bring your lawn chairs for your extra comfort.

In event of rain, we will move to the Gazebo next to the pool house.

This year will feature the dedication of the new Overlook with Senator DeFrancisco.

There will also be:

**LHNA thanks Wegmans, Price Chopper and Tops for their contributions to the Hot Dog Social.**

- § Inspiration Awards to three residents with the most ambitious Green Thumbs
- § 50/50 Raffle
- § The Syracuse Fire Department will bring their “big trucks” for guided tours, unless there is a fire call
- § Meet and talk to the local TOPS Unit of Syracuse Police Department.
- § Meet the EFS students who are trimming and weeding the park.

**Directions:** For those who don't know where the Roundtop is, take Robinson Street to the Lincoln Park entrance and follow the balloon trail all the way to the top. Fire trucks may have to leave on a fire call, so please observe the parking directions.

## Mayor's Summer Meeting

Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.  
at Lincoln Park roundtop

Do you want to give the Mayor an earful?

This is your opportunity to talk directly to Mayor Miner about exactly what's on your mind about the City and Lincoln Hill -- your concerns, problems, and desires.

In addition to the mayor, there will be representatives from Codes, the Police Department, Neighborhood & Business Development, and Public Works.

Home HeadQuarters and “Say Yes to Education” will be available answer your questions and explain the programs.

In event of rain, we'll meet at Sunny Crest Ice Rink, at the other end of

## “Save the Rain”

More trees for Lincoln Hill

50% of rain goes into Syracuse sewers, and only 50% is adsorbed into the soil. As a “green strategy” to the court-ordered clean-up of Onondaga Lake, the County is proposing methods to increase rain absorption and reduce run-off:

- § Retention pond or tanks
- § Permeable pavement
- § Planting trees

At the LHNA January meeting, the new city/county Arborist, Stephen Harris, discussed how Lincoln Hill can get some of the 8,500 trees that will be planted over the next 8 years.

Trees will be planted between the curb and the sidewalk next Fall and Spring.

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## Member Meetings

Hot Dog Social – **August 27th**,  
12:30 p.m., at Lincoln Park Roundtop

**November 17th**  
7 p.m., at Reformed Church, Teall Ave.

## Clean Sweep Dates

**September 24th, November 5th**

*These are LHNA mini-EarthDays.  
We meet at 9 a.m. at Lincoln Park  
parking lot near Robinson for some  
fortifying donuts and coffee before  
a couple of hours of cleaning up.*

## Board Meetings

*All LHNA members may attend*  
**Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
at 6:00 p.m. at Reformed Church, Teall  
Ave

## Important Contacts

### LHNA Watch-Net:

Existing Neighborhood Watches in  
Lincoln Hill: 200 block Shuart, & 100  
block Herbst -- 448-8762, *Jim Crosby*

### Code Enforcement – 448-8795

*Vacant houses, dead cars, over-grown  
yards, junk & trash*

### Drug Tip Line -- 487-8477

### Dog problems – 473-8477

### Henniger students – 435-4343

*David Cecile, principal*

### Junk Vehicles -- 448-8650

### Lincoln students – 435-6204

*Dean DeSantus, principal*

### Neighborhood Anti-Crime Unit

**442-5207**

### Special Investigations Division

**425-1034** *Drugs, gangs, etc.*

### TOPS Unit – office 472-1034,

Cell, **263-6133** *daytime neighborhood  
patrols*

## City Intensifies Pursuit of “Bad Landlords”

At LNHA members’ meeting in May, Commissioner Paul Driscoll said the City’s policy is “to protect our stable neighborhoods” through increased code enforcement. It’s a big task. Annually, Syracuse issues about 37,000 building code citations.

Changes are on the way. More landlords are being summoned before the Housing Court. In April, 8 of 20 landlords preferred to fix the code violations, rather than talk to a judge.

The City is looking at “best practices” of other cities. Buffalo has “code violation tickets” – like parking tickets, they have a \$75 automatic fine for non-compliance. In Buffalo, when the first ticket’s response period expires, then another ticket can be issued. This method has increased compliance in

LHNA will also submit your code violation complaints to the City for you. “LHNA” (not your name) will appear as the source of the complaint.

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Tree locations are:

- § 5 feet from sewers & water lines
- § 10 feet from poles & hydrants
- § 3 feet from sidewalks
- § 6-8 feet from driveways
- § 30 feet from street corners
- § under utility lines, low trees
- § “clear sky,” large shade trees.

LHNA has already identified our properties lacking trees. The arborist will use this information to develop block plans. After consultation with owners, the final tree selections will be made.

LH has several “unimproved streets,” which are basically asphalt over dirt. Without curbs, the asphalt has crept all the way to the sidewalk, eliminating the grass area between the sidewalk and the pavement. It may be possible to restore the lawn and tree planting area.

## The Cat in the Tree

Sometimes it takes a village to rescue a cat. Last May a young momma cat ran up a 100 foot pine tree at the Bishop’s Estates. Her loud cries brought the maintenance man with his ladder, but it was too short.

Two neighbors personally visited the fire department on Shuart Avenue but they said that they couldn’t do anything because of policy.

A young couple, walking their dog, offered to email Channel 3 & Channel 9 TV. Both channels posted appeals for help and suggestions on their websites.

Amy of SANS ([SpayAndNeuterSyracuse.org](http://SpayAndNeuterSyracuse.org)) suggested to the cat’s owner that a tree trimming company in Oneida might have a bucket truck tall enough to reach the cat.

After almost a week in the tree, the rescue was scheduled. The camera man from Channel 9 waited for the bucket truck’s arrival. With one swift lift of the bucket arm, momma cat was quickly lifted to safety, and became a star on the Channel 9 news that night.

With a SANS referral in paw, momma cat made another stop on the way home, which will probably end her galavanting ways.

[If your pet is still *au naturel*, contact SANS at 422-7970 to learn more. Much pet abandonment is due to expected litters of kittens or pups.]

## ESF Students in the Park

**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 11a.m to 3 p.m.**

About 40 incoming students of SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry College have dedicated their Community Service time and efforts to Lincoln Park over the last several years.

We are looking for LHNA members or other residents to act as “crew leaders.” Meet at the Roundtop at 11 a.m.