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CALLING ALL SOUTH UTICA DEMOCRATS

FOR THIRD WARD DEMOCRATS: PETITION SEASON IS UPON US

It is that time of year again, when in order to run, candidates must collect petition signatures from members of their parties. This year, Tim Julian, your Democrat County Legislator, and I are working together to collect signatures. Rather than knocking on your door in Winter in the middle of a pandemic, we are setting ourselves up at The Other Side, the Gallery next to Cafe Domenico. Any Democrat registered to vote in the Third Ward is welcome to drop in and sign our petitions. We will have a safe and sanitary set up so that you can sign in a warm, safe space knowing that you are helping us secure our spots on the ballot, but doing so safely. Here are the days and times:

March 2, 3, 4, 5, from 4-7pm and March 5 & 6 11am-2pm

After the week is over, we will judge whether we need to set up again the following week and let you know. Please come down, let's get this done!

We absolutely need your signatures in order to be on the ballot!

PUBLIC COMMENT IS POSSIBLE

While the public cannot join us in Council Chambers, it is nonetheless easy to participate in Public Comment: simply email the Clerk no later than 3pm on the day of the Common Council meeting. (She will place you on the list, and you will then get an email back with instructions on how to call in to the meeting.) You can email the Clerk at cityclerk@cityofutica.com. As of the next meeting, on Wednesday, March 3rd, the Council meetings will be held back in our Chambers.

Remember all meetings of the Council are live streamed on the [City's YouTube channel](#), and I encourage you to watch our meetings from home. And all of the legislation under consideration is [available online at this link](#).

CONSTITUENT HOURS FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

I will not hold regular Constituent Hours in March because I will be too busy using that regular time to collect petition signatures so that I can be on the ballot in the Fall. But come April, I will return to my regular schedule.

NEW MID-MONTH NEWSLETTER

I am now writing an extra Newsletter, and aiming to send it out in about the middle of the month. I'm calling it "How Utica Works", and its aim is to explain one particular feature of our local government in detail. My first "How Utica Works", on snowplowing, was a big hit. I If you missed it the first time around, [YOU CAN READ IT HERE](#). You can read my second one, on [PAVING, HERE](#).

I have another one of these Newsletters in the works, all about housing in Utica. If you like these "How Utica Works" newsletters and think others would find them informative as well, please encourage them to sign up for my Newsletters by [visiting our website and signing up](#).

SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH, 7PM

I will hold an online Town Hall on Tuesday, March 9th at 7pm. Keep an eye out for another email with all the details on how to sign up. There will be much to discuss, including updates on flood mitigation, paving, the budget, and police reform.



COOL UTICA-ORIENTED PAGES ON FACEBOOK

Every month, I like to feature a Facebook page that you may not know about. Have a favorite Facebook page about Utica that you want to promote? Drop me a line!

The Parkway Center is a terrific local community center. It offers programming for our older neighbors, as well as Youth programming and a gym. And of course it is home to our very own Ski Chalet. While it is still closed to the public because of Covid, we look forward to it opening up and continuing to be a terrific neighborhood resource for everyone in Utica.

SPOTLIGHT ON A LOCAL BUSINESS!

This month, we are spotlighting a local business that is very dear to my heart: South Utica's original java joint.

Cafe Domenico

2011 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13501

(Next door to **The Other Side** and across from The Uptown Theater)

(315) 798-8077 Monday-Friday 7am-3pm and Saturday 9am-3pm

<http://theothersideutica.org/cafe-domenico>

The Cafe has been Utica's Genuine Java Joint since 2002. Domenico's serves only 100% organic Mayorga Coffee that is responsibly sourced from small farmers. The Cafe serves a full range of hot or cold coffee and espresso beverages, as well as a variety of Republic of Tea teas. They have plenty of locally baked pastries, bagels from Bagel Grovel and fabulous peanut butter toast using Heidelberg Bakery bread. You can even pick up a dozen organic eggs from Jones Farms. Domenico's not only offers coffee, tea, food, great music, used books, and Wifi--Domenico's offers a beautiful space to hang out with friends and neighbors. The Cafe is a true neighborhood gathering spot.



MY VOTES ON THE COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 3rd & 17th, 2021

Hats off to my friend Dennis Dewey for suggesting a much better way to organize

and present this section of the Newsletter. I hope that this is an improvement over what I was doing earlier.

Resolutions I voted for: Marriage Officers for Denise Gregory and David Butler; Commissioners of Deeds for Kimberly Bohling, James Zecca, Russell Brooks, Marianne Brooks, Michael Galime, Michael Gentile, Sandra DePerno, Samantha Testa, Regina Venettozzi, Lauren Venettozzi, Lois Ann Pirro, Michael Kinsella, Emilie Raymond, Mark Williamson, Ronal Vincent, Robert Burmaster, Thela Hunter, Stephanie Tighe, Lucille Vincent, Michele Navedo; Resolution Authorizing the Execution fo a Grant Agreement Under the Green Innovation Grant Program

Resolutions I voted to Send to Commitee: Utica Garden Walk,

Ordinances I voted for: Transfer of Funds from Youth Bureau to Comptroller Office, New Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance Relieving Matthew Faffley of Residence Requirement,

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