You might be thinking, "didn't I just get a Newsletter from Celeste?". Yes, you did. But that one came out very late. I like to get them out as close to the first of the

month as I can, so this one is coming right on the heels of the last one!

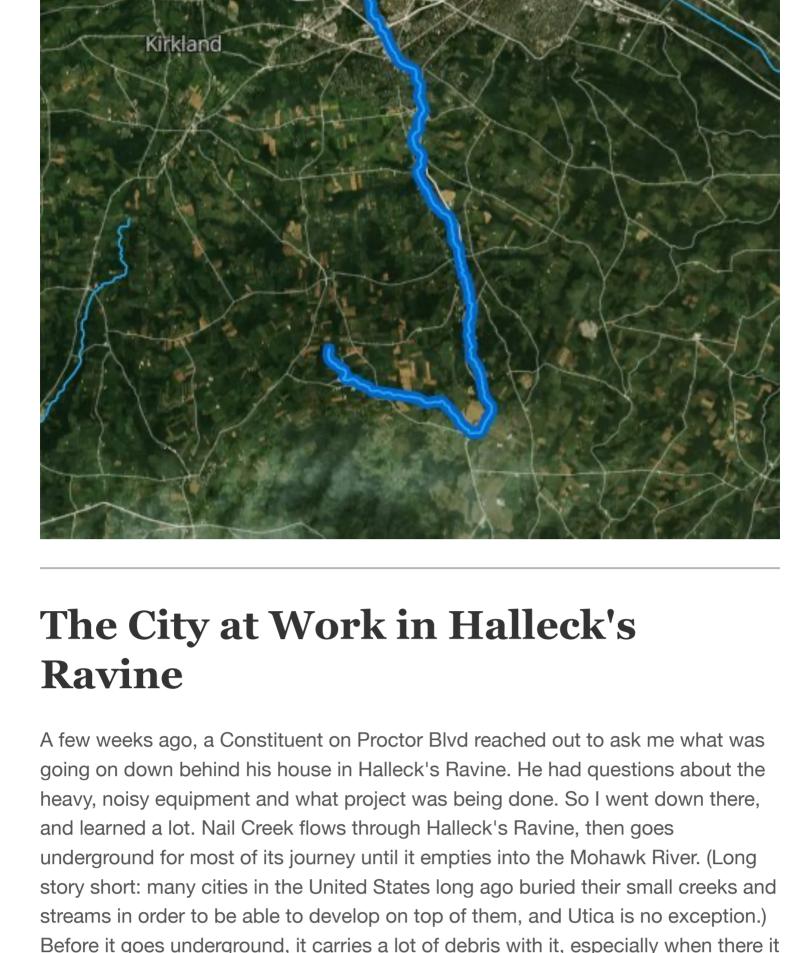
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Flooding Meeting: September 23,

On Thursday, September 23rd, Engineer Maggie Reilly will meet with us to explain an important action plan she and her colleagues from the local engineering firm Ramboll have just delivered to the Sauguoit Creek Basin Intermunicipal Commission. This action plan, commissioned by and paid for by the SCBIC, is a

series of very specific action items that the municipalities along the Sauquoit should take in order to mitigate against future flooding. Although we in Utica cannot take these actions ourselves, this presentation by Maggie will help us all to better understand the way forward. Who: Celeste Friend and Maggie Reilly What: Sauguoit Flooding Mitigation Meeting Where: The Other Side, next to Cafe Domenico, 2011 Genesee Street When: Thursday, September 23rd, 7pm

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debris before it can go underground and clog up the pipes through with Creek flows and cause flooding. Back in 2013, the City made substantial investments in the area where Nail Creek goes underground. We installed a large box culvert and tree traps that catch branches and trees. The City also fortified the bank so that it would not erode, which just creates more sediment. There is also a small dam

rains heavily and the Creek is running hard and fast. Some of that debris is silt,

sand, and gravel, and some of it is tree branches. So we need to capture that

there that slows down the flow of water, allowing sediment to sink. The dam has a

passes through the pipe. All in all, a complicated system meant to keep the water

flowing smoothly underground until it can join the Mohawk River and eventually

large pipe in it, so that the sediment can sink out of the Creek before the water

make its way to the Atlantic Ocean, where it evaporates, forms into clouds, and comes back down as rain. The Earth's water cycle, in all its glory! But back to South Utica: in 2013, we invested in this area, where Nail Creek heads underground. What we are doing now is a major maintenance of this system. The concrete dam needs some repair, and behind the dam, sediment needs to be dug out and a deeper basin created to catch future debris. This work is being directed and overseen by two of our Engineers: Stephanie Wurz and Austin Cornacchia. They know the importance of this work, and of keeping these waterways flowing smoothly so that the water stays where we want it: underground. The work itself is done by contractors, but Stephanie and Austin oversee the contracts and the work. I appreciate their commitment to their jobs and diligence in doing their best for all of us in Utica.









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is completely closed to cars from the end of October until April or May.) Many people supported this legislation, especially people in South Utica who use Master Garden Road running through Roscoe Conkling Park for walking, jogging, etc. But not enough members of the Common Council supported the legislation and it failed. But the fact that Master Garden Road is very unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists was highlighted by my efforts. And those concerns brought to light were

Several months back, I introduced legislation which would have kept cars out of

heard by the administration. So now we have speed bumps on Master Garden

Road and Steele Hill Rd! The new system isn't quite perfect. (One of the speed

bumps came partially out of the road, and had to be temporarily removed. And in

some areas, drivers can avoid the bumps simply by driving on the grass (why?!?),

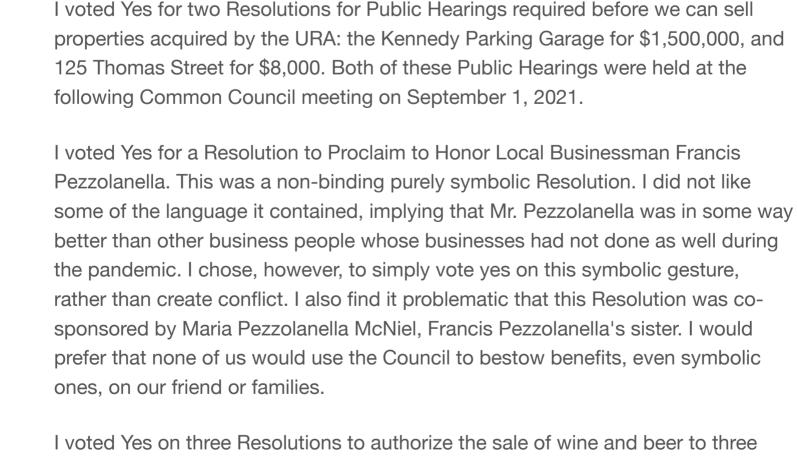
but it is certainly an improvement and it has slowed down the traffic. A big bump

Roscoe Conkling Park just one day a week during the Summer months. (The Park

New Speed Bumps in Roscoe

Conkling Park!

in the right direction, from my point of view!



organizations for the upcoming event, "Falling for Utica Festival" at

Handshake. City on Saturday, October 9th.

My Votes on the Council on August

Ordinances I Voted For: I voted Yes on several Ordinances to sell properties acquired by the URA back to private citizens. We had Public Hearings for each of these properties at the beginning of the Council meeting. We voted to sell 717 Blandina Street for \$500, 211 James Street for \$18,000, 319 Lansing Street for \$16,000, 1111 Warren St for

authorize the City to dispose various city-owned vehicles, and to authorize the City to sell various city-owned vehicles.

I voted to require a stop sign at Pleasant St. and Mohawk St. I voted to amend the abatement Code, 2-22-7, which allows the City to recoup the cost of cleaning up certain properties. This ordinance allows the City to charge increasingly larger fees for multiple violations within a single calendar year.

Ordinances I Vote to Send to Committee: I voted to commit two Ordinances to sell the properties referenced above in the Resolutions I voted for. I voted to commit an ordinance waiving the residency requirement for a new Electrical Inspector in the Codes Department. I voted to send four more Ordinances to Committee. These are transfers of funds

legislation. But because they came to the Council only two days before our

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Addington Place for \$20,000. I voted Yes to dispose of broken or obsolete I.T. equipment. I also voted Yes to

Wednesday meetings, they required a waiver of the Thursday Rule. I am committed to reading all legislation before voting on it, even when it is standard, boiler-plate legislation like this. Moreover, because it is an Ordinance, it can only pass the first time it comes to the floor if it receives a unanimous vote. I expressed my intention to vote against it, given the lack of time to read it. So the Council agreed to place it in committee.

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I voted Yes to appoint Say Pawaz Wah as a Commissioner of Deeds. Resolutions I Voted to Send to Committee: none \$250, 1007 Lincoln Ave for \$250, 128 Addington Place for \$9,000, and 139

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Resolutions I Voted For:

from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. These are regular pieces of

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