

Column for February 26, 2009

Last year the City of Troy made a concerted effort to team up with a variety of people, groups and organizations to develop a number of events that would get people out into the City and enjoy the amenities that we have here for free. We intend to stay on the same course, with some added improvements, this year.

One of those improvements this year is the addition of the Little Italy Winter Carnival, which will have its inaugural kickoff take place this weekend. It seems strange that all winter we've been looking forward to warm winter, and now that it appears to be here, if only for a few days, it becomes a detriment. The weather is always the biggest obstacle when planning outdoor events, but regardless of how warm it is, or cold, this should be a great time.

There is quite literally something for the entire family, and then some. Most of the events center in the Little Italy Marketplace on Hill Street, just south of the Italian Community Center. For a full list of events and directions, please visit the City website and click on the Winter Carnival link.

For the foodies, you can visit one of the 13 local restaurants surrounding Little Italy, or you can do what most people will probably opt for, which is the ziti and meatball at the ICC on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Finally, if you are looking for parking, organizers are asking that you attempt to park in the street and walk to the event, or park on the Uncle Sam Parking Garage on 3rd Street just south of the Green Island Bridge, where the City will be running trolley transportation to and from the event. This option also would allow you to kill two birds with one stone, as you can visit the Troy Farmer's Market in the Atrium on Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All of the fun kicks off at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning and continues Sunday at noon.

Many thanks go out to all of the people involved in the Little Italy Winter Carnival. As you can guess, it takes a tremendous amount of work to pull something off like this, and in most cases, the people that make it all happen are volunteering their time for the betterment of the community.

If you would like to be involved in any of our upcoming events, please send an e-mail to my office at mayoroffice@troyny.gov and we will be sure to get you signed up doing something!

Have a great weekend!

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Mayor of Troy