

Weekly Column for May 1, 2009

Welcome to May! The month of April flew by in the City of Troy as we begin to awaken from our winter doldrums. Last week's Earth Day projects across the City were a great success, and I say each year I am proud of the turnout throughout Troy, and this year was no different. Special thanks to all the residents in Troy who pitched in.

I'm going to take some time in this column to ask for support of a cause I am involved with right now that is helping to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Earlier this year I was chosen as one of their Man of the Year candidates. For the last month, my fellow competitors and I have been hard at work raising money to find a cure blood related cancers. For more information on the campaign, please visit: www.lls.org/unymanandwomanoftheyear

I mention this to you because we have three very exciting events coming up in the next two weeks in support of LLS.

First up is a concert at Revolution Hall on Sunday from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. We've booked amazing local acts, including: Troy's own Julia Ilowiecki (who was recently on Good Morning Amercia- check her out <http://www.myspace.com/juliallowiecki>) Graham Tichy and Johnny Rabb, Imaging Lennon, local favorites Stuck on Stupid, Winchester and Young, Sumac, 3 Four 3, and Prolonged Exposure.

The cost of the concert is \$15, and every penny of money raised will be given directly to LLS. Again, Rev Hall on River Street at 2 p.m. on Sunday, it should be a great time.

Next Saturday the fun kicks into another gear as we welcome the Troy Hellions for their first official bout at Frear Park. For those of you not aware, the Troy Hellions are our roller derby team, and they will be competing with teams around the northeast all summer at Frear Park.

The cost of the ticket for that event is \$10, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to LLS. Doors open at 6 p.m. at Frear, and the whistle kicks things off at 7 p.m. For more information visit <http://www.troyny.gov/recreation/2009Hellionsoftroy.pdf>

Finally, we are putting together the final details on an exciting event that will take place on Tuesday, May 13th in Riverfront Park. For one day, Dinosaur BBQ out of Syracuse will be coming to Troy and serving up their delicious food. Stay tuned next week for the details on that, you will not want to miss it.

Thanks for any support you can give in the coming weeks to this very noble cause.

Have a great weekend!