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## SIXTEEN ACRES CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC 1187 ½ PARKER STREET SPRINGFIELD, MA 01129

#### **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER**

**HERE COME THE HOLIDAYS.** Thanksgiving & Christmas are upon us and the association would like you all to join us for our upcoming November general association meeting and the anticipated Christmas party for all paid up members.

This year has been a very good year for your 16 Acres Civic Association. We were very proud to have provided three \$500. Scholarships to three very deserving college students and we, with your assistance, will continue to provide these scholarships in the future.

NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm Springfield Police Neighborhood Crime Watch will be held. At 6:30 pm Social Time with Coffee & Cookies. 7:00 pm The 16 Acres Lions Club President James Ferrera, will provide a brief presentation regarding the Lions Club services which include free eye exams, eye glasses, etc. and the events they have that support their services. We are very fortunate to have as our guest speaker for the evening, Patricia Banusewicz, the author of the book entitled "Close To Home 16 Acres". Pat will provide the 16 acres neighborhood history and also offer some of the nostalgia regarding bygone businesses that I am sure you will remember. For all of you 16 Acres history buffs, Pat will have her book for purchase at the meeting

DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 6:00 pm. This is the association's annual Christmas Party that our paid up association members look forward to each year. We are very pleased to announce that Sodexo Catering will again provide the great buffet that our members enjoy. Due to the generosity of local businesses, board members, and association members donating raffle items, the raffle proceeds that evening go towards the 16 acres area college student scholarships that the association will award in June 2018. This is a RSVP event. YOU MUST make a reservation by calling Sally at 783-3133 by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Also remember please – this party is for Paid Up members only. No Reservation – No Buffet!!

### 16 ACRES LOCAL NEWS:

- 1 We wish to extend a big "Thank You" to all of the At-Large City Council and School Committee candidates that attended the Candidates Night Forum held at the Greenleaf/Concepcion Community Center on October 17<sup>th</sup>. It was an outstanding success. Hope you voted on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 2 Just want to give a "Shout Out" to the 16 Acres Golden Agers Club for the support they provided to the Springfield Golden Agers Club Big Bingo that was held on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Greenleaf/Concepcion Community Center. This was originally planned for the new senior center. Next year they will have a brand new facility
- 3 There will be no association meeting in January 2018. A January Newsletter will provide information on the start up of New Year's activities for the association.
- 4 The association, in the Spirit of the Holidays, will be placing a large container at the entrance to the center to collect non-perishable food items to be given to the Springfield Food Pantry to provide some assistance to the less fortunate.

Please be generous. We are sure they will appreciate your generosity. Thank You!!



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