

# Ballston Spa

Business & Professional  
ASSOCIATION

## Member Newsletter

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The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, February 20, 2006 at 7 pm at Brookside Museum.

We encourage members to attend and welcome your input.

Don't forget to visit our website! [www.ballston.org](http://www.ballston.org)

bringing live music to our area, such as booking acts, securing sponsorships and lining up the necessary permits, etc. The committee is especially looking for members interested in helping promote concerts throughout the area. Please contact Sam Capuano at [scapuano@sunmarkfcu.org](mailto:scapuano@sunmarkfcu.org) or 281-1072.

## 2006-2007 MAP GUIDE

The BSBPA Business Map Guide for the 2006-2007 tourist season has been totally redesigned with a more user friendly format and historical look. Ten thousand copies will be printed and distributed. They will be placed in the Saratoga Visitors Center, the Urban Cultural Center, Northway Exit 9 rest stop, as well as numerous hotels and local businesses.

Advertising space is now available. Each 2"x2" ad is \$89.00 or a double size may be purchased for \$178.00. These ads surround the map, which give them much greater exposure than the ads on last year's guide. Three (3) sponsor ads are available on the inside cover of the map guide. This will be the first page the user will see when they open the map guide. These ads will be approximately 3 1/4" wide by 2 3/4" high and are \$225.00 each. Two (2) sponsor ads are available on the back of the map guide. These ads will have the greatest exposure and will be approximately 3 1/4" wide by 4" high. The cost for these is \$300.00 each.

Ads are sold on a first come, first served basis. Payment is due upon commitment to guarantee your space. Ad copy deadline is Friday, February 24th. To see a copy of the map guide or to discuss taking out an ad, contact Cliff Baum at 884-9913.

## Burners UK Set to Kick Off 2006 Concert Series



Local fan favorites, The Burners UK, will again kick off the Concerts in the Park Series for 2006.

It's not too early to start working on our summer series of free Concerts in the Park, one of Ballston Spa's most popular summer attractions. In fact, Sam Capuano and the concert committee have already lined up crowd pleasers **The Burners UK** once again for the series kick off on June 22. Sam, along with Alison Thomas-Oravsky, worked successfully to bring a diverse selection of musical performances to last year's line up. This year, they have been contacted by numerous bands and performers who are eager to appear on this summer's schedule. Apparently Ballston Spa has become quite a popular venue!

The concert committee takes care of many aspects of

### Active Board Members Sought

If you have a strong dedication to our community and would like to serve as a BSBPA board member or would like to nominate someone to serve as an officer, please contact nominating committee chair Tina Mangino-Coffey at 885-2725 or [tmangino-coffey@mangino.com](mailto:tmangino-coffey@mangino.com). Board members are expected to be active participants, attend monthly meetings and join at least two board committees. Of course, members can also serve on committees without having to serve on the board.

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OUR NEWEST  
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### About Our Members & Neighbors:

Look for **My Other Kitchen's** new location in Carousel Village, 2100 Doubleday Ave. (Route 50) Business has been so good, owner Tracy Boutelle needed to find a bigger location for her 1 year old business. Healthy affordable meals you prepare ahead of time and bring home to cook and serve your family. Call Tracey for more information and monthly menus. 587-6747 or visit [www.myotherkitchen.info](http://www.myotherkitchen.info)

The **Ballston House & Garden Club** will meet on February 9 at 1:30 pm at the Brookside Museum. **Chris Estrada** of **Saratoga Organics & Hydroponic Supply** will be the guest speaker and will discuss growing food inside. Congratulations to **Fran Bannon**, co president of the House & Garden Club on her recent birthday. Family and friends gathered for a dinner celebration.

The **Union Fire Company #2** will be holding their Chili Cook Off on Saturday, February 11, 2006 from 1-3 pm There will be a \$300.00 first prize and bragging rights for a year! Look for all the info is on their web site: [www.ufcbsfd.com](http://www.ufcbsfd.com)

On Sunday, February 12th at 1 pm, **Stone Soup Antiques Gallery** at 19 Low Street will be hosting a program by **Sue McLane, The Victorian Lady**. In the spirit of Valentines Day, she will be giving her program titled "The Etiquette of Love" in full Victorian dress. They will be serving a traditional afternoon tea of savory finger foods, sweets and of course, tea. Members of Sue's Victorian Ladies club are expected to attend, also in full Victorian dress. The program is free to the public and all are welcome to attend.

The **Ballston Area Community Center** will be having its **8th Annual Fundraising Gala "Boot Scootin' Boogie"** on Saturday, March 11 at Manna's Restaurant & Banquet

House from 6:30 pm. Enjoy dinner and dancing with WGNA DJ Kevin Richards. There will be a silent and live auction as well. Proceeds benefit the programs of the BACC. For information and reservations, call 885-3261. The BACC's new website is [www.ballstonareacc.org](http://www.ballstonareacc.org)

The **PTA Council of the Ballston Spa School District** will be holding its annual PTA Founder's Day dinner, Tuesday, February 28 at Manna's Restaurant. There will be a cash bar at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30. Superintendent Ray Colucciello will speak and there will be entertainment by student musical groups. The cost is \$25. For more information, contact Ann Mahlitz 884-8366.

The Board of Education at the **Ballston Spa School District** is working with BOCES Superintendent Dr. John Stoothoff to recruit and hire a new Superintendent of Schools. They will be screening and selected candidates during the next two months. They have set up a format to gather input from various constituent groups to help decide the qualifications needed in a new school leader. A Community Input Night is scheduled for February 16th at 6:30 pm in the High School Library, 220 Ballston Avenue. This evening session will include students, parents, residents and the business community. Please plan to attend and provide input for the board of education to utilize in making the selection of finalist for the position. There will be another opportunity to meet the finalist later in the selection process. Please check the district website for more information or call the district office - 884-7195 ext. 329.

### Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association Annual Meeting and Community Mixer

Our Annual Dinner and community mixer will be held on Monday, March 20 at Manna's Restaurant, 17 Low Street in Ballston Spa. There will be a social half hour from 6:30-7:00 pm with cash bar. A dinner buffet will follow. The cost will be \$5.00 for members and \$10 for non-members, with a \$5.00 credit for non-members who join that evening. This is a great opportunity to learn what the BSBPA has done over the past year to help promote our wonderful village. For more information, please contact Joanne Champagne at 885-4793.

BSBPA Members: Do you have upcoming events or news that you would like to share in our next issue? Contact Ellen Mottola, [mottola-bsbpa@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mottola-bsbpa@nycap.rr.com), 885-2772 (phone or fax) or mail to BSBPA, PO Box 386, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. The deadline for the March issue is February 22, 2006. I am also interested in spotlighting member businesses. Promptness is always appreciated, questions answered with a smile!



## Garden Tour Planned

Shake those winter blahs away for a moment and think about beautiful blooming flowers. The BSBPA is planning to have a garden tour this summer. Alison Thomas-Oravsky is looking for interested people to volunteer for the committee as well as people who would be willing to have their garden be part of the tour. The weekend of July 22-23 is the date tentatively set for the tour. If you would like more information or can volunteer, please contact Alison at bpclawat@nycap.rr.com or 885-9292.



## Heritage Day—Keep the date open!

Plans will be getting underway soon for the annual Heritage Day celebration, Sunday May 7 from 12-4 pm. The Heritage Day committee needs volunteers now during the planning stages. This is a wonderful Ballston Spa-themed event. Please contact Joy Houle at 885-4000 or Ellen at 885-2772 to be a part of this historic event.

## Ballston Spa Annual Winter Festival Saturday, February 18th

The cure for Cabin Fever! Dig out your snow gear for the 11th Annual Ballston Spa Winter Fun Festival! Activities include:

The famous Bath Street sledding hill, open from 11 am to 5 pm.

Ice Skating at the Eastern Ave. Rec. Field, 12-9 pm.

Events at the Milton Community Center, 310 Northline Road: Children's Crafts, 7-8:30 pm; Music, Dancing and Food, 6-10 pm.

Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe at Woods Hollow Preserve, Northline Road, 7-9:30 pm

For more information or to volunteer, call 885-5711

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# First Fridays In Ballston Spa

February 3, 2006

### Strolling Village Artisans:

Iron Spring Gallery 'Fabric & Fancy', with artists Michele Merges-Martens and Linda Smyth Reception: 6 - 9 pm; artist's talk - 7 pm  
Chair Massages with Michael; Reiki with Angela  
49 Front Street /885-5855

### Coffee Planet:

"Bob Warren" "Art Exhibits by Brian Petrowski" and "Lindsey W. Fyfe" 6-9 pm 100 Milton Ave. 884-9913

### Whistling Kettle:

"Kate Blaine" - Singer/songwriter 6 -9 pm 24 Front Street 884-2664

### Kaleidoscope Gifts @ Hearth & Home Antiques:

"Open House" 6-9 pm 114-116 Milton Ave. 884-9957

### EOS:

Vintage Jewelry, Clothing & Home Décor Open House  
Sweets provided for You & Your Sweetie. 53 Milton Ave. 6 - 9 pm

### Wild Thyme Whole Food & Tea Co.:

Sample Chocolate, The new health-food with your Valentine!  
7-9 pm 108 Milton Ave. 885-7275

### Jeppe Leatherwork:

"Master Craftsman" available to answer all your leather repair questions or needs 6 pm-9 pm 128 Milton Avenue 885-1055

### Make Me Fabulous:

"Designer Handbags Galore" Preview Begins at 7:00 p.m. Call to reserve a spot. 6- 9 pm 102 Milton Ave., 885-2929

### Excellent Adventures Comics:

Marvel vs. DC. Collectable Card Game Tournament 6 pm  
110 Milton Ave 884-9498

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 3** First Friday in Ballston Spa, Downtown shops and restaurants, 6-9 pm
- February 9** Ballston Spa House and Garden Club Meeting, 1:30 pm, Brookside
- February 11** Union Fire Company Chili Cook-Off, 1-3 pm
- February 16** Ballston Spa School District Community Input Night, 6:30 pm, BSHS Library
- February 18** 11th Annual Winter Fun Festival, Locations: Bath Street, Eastern Ave. Field, Woods Hollow Nature Preserve & Milton Community Center
- February 20** BSBPA Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, Brookside
- February 28** Ballston Spa PTA Council Founder's Day Dinner, 6 pm, Manna's Restaurant



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