

# The Elm Tree

## Old Loudonville

Found in a box at the Pruyn House not long ago was this old map from the 1930s and its corresponding roster of owners at the time. These "old-timers" were likely here not long after Colonie itself was formed in 1895! See page 3 for the homeowners. Thank you to **Kevin Franklin**, our Town Historian who provides us with these treasures.

# Coming Up!

#### **Family Fall Fest**

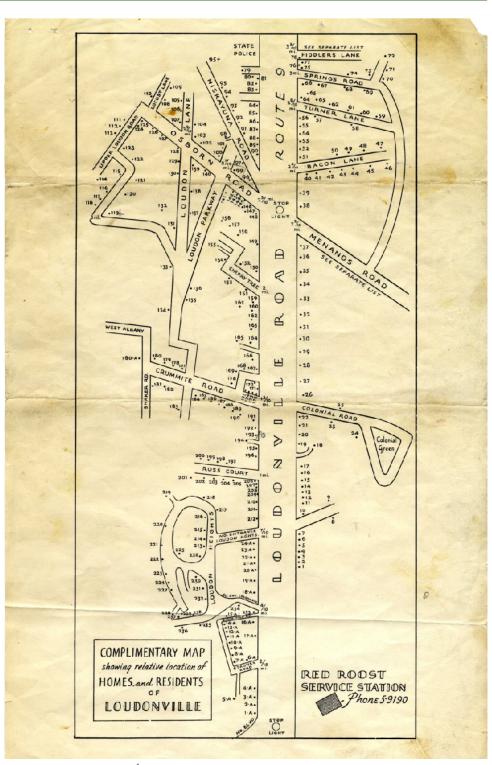
Sunday, October 1st 2:00 - 4:00pm Buhrmaster Barn Pruyn House

# Holiday Tree Lighting

Sunday, November 24th 4:00pm Loudon Green

### Save The Date: GLA Holiday Party

Saturday, December 16 Schuyler Meadows Club



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#### President's Message



As summer continues to give us plenty of warm sunshine and a good amount of rain, the Greater Loudonville Association has been working away to continue to maintain our quality of life.

On June 3rd, we celebrated our Spring Fling at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Holub. We were able to honor Sharon Holub for her years of service and dedication to the Greater Loudonville Association. Sharon is the author of Traveling Loudon Plank Road, a book about Loudonville published 25 years ago and contributed to by several board members. A beautiful setting at the Holub home was enjoyed by 100 people. An elegant buffet, catered by the Schuyler Meadows Club, was served under a tent while keyboard player, Tyler Giroux, completed the occasion with lovely music. A Town of Colonie Proclamation was presented to Sharon by the Honorable Peter G. Crummey, Town Supervisor. It was a wonderful evening and an excellent way to honor such a valuable leader in our community.

The remaining proceeds from the Spring Fling celebration were earmarked for our latest project, replacing the existing Loudonville sign at the Loudonville Triangle. After several years of planning, construction of the new wall and sign has begun. Recently, the old wall was demolished and removed with the cooperation of the Town. Skyview Landscaping is building the wall and Saxon Sign will finish the project by installing the lettering. This project would not have been possible without the generous donations of many patrons. A plaque listing the donors will be placed in Loudon Green. Contributions are still welcome to defray the costs of the wall and sign.

Mark your calendars for GLA's Annual Fall Family Fest on Sunday, October 1st on the grounds of the Pruyn House. As in the past, the event will feature tractor and pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, and pumpkin decorating. Complimentary cider and donuts will also be available. Many thanks to board members Teresa Rossi and Audrey Cunningham who are chairing the event. It promises to be great fun!

As always, we truly appreciate your support and participation as we continue to sustain our historic and unique character as a community.

historic and wary Brizzell



From left: Milan Testaye, Laura Couch, Mary Brizzell and India Buff

#### **Leslie Couch Prize Winners**

The GLA Annual Meeting was held at Sage Estate on June 6th.

Many thanks to Michael Hayes for opening his beautiful office space for our meeting, and to Kevin Franklin for a fascinating account of the Sage family who once lived there. Two High School seniors were awarded the Leslie Couch Award, granted to them for their commitment to community service. Milan Testaye from Shaker High School and India Buff from Colonie Central High School each received \$500. Congratulations, and thanks go to these young women who have served our community!

#### Loudonville's History: Read All About It!



Did you know that Henry and Clara Rathbone from Loudonville were the guests

of President Lincoln and his wife at Ford's Theater the night of April 14, 1865? Legend has it that Clara placed her blood-stained dress in a closet of her summer home at 4 Cherry Tree Rd and after claiming she'd been visited by Lincoln's ghost, had the closet covered with bricks. It was later removed and destroyed.

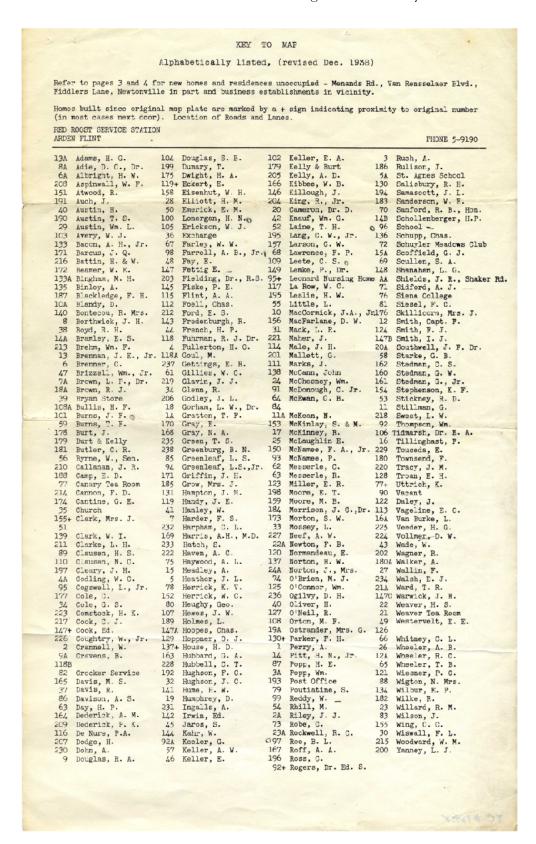
This is one of the fascinating background stories from your community that is documented in GLA's book Loudonville: Traveling the Loudon Plank Road. It features Loudonville's development and describes twelve historic homes along Loudon Road with interior and exterior photos from the past.

As a resident of Loudonville, you should own this unique book! Proceeds benefit the projects of the GLA, whose purpose is to enhance the historic character of Loudonville. GLA also sponsors several community events throughout the year, and is currently revitalizing the wall and its surroundings at the Loudonville Triangle.

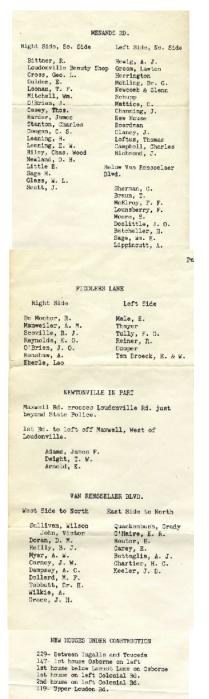
To purchase a book for \$30, you may send a check payable to The Greater Loudonville Association (PO Box 11144 Loudonville NY 12211) or pay by credit card via the GLA website at www.greaterloudonville.org. The book will be delivered to you.

#### Who lived in your home almost 100 years ago?

Below are the owners of those corresponding lots from the map on pg. 1. Some of these names are still around our neighborhood today!



#### Not on map:





#### **Greater Loudonville Association**

Neighbors Dedicated to Protecting and Improving the Character of our Historic and Ever Changing Residential Community www.GreaterLoudonville.org

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Membership contributions (dues) are tax-deductible within the full extent of the law.



# 4th of July 🕌



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#### **Brian Schneider GLA's Unsung Hero**

Who puts up our Holiday Tree? Who puts up the 4th of July bunting? Who is our Loudon Green Sentinel?

Brian Schneider has been part of the Loudon Green Committee since its development in 2003. Prior to that, Brian helped with the improvements to the Triangle with the late Horst Pogge. Thank you to Brian, our dedicated behind-the-scenes member, who for over twenty years has helped to keep Loudon Green and GLA looking good!

## Welcome New Members!

Charles & Mary Lou Wheeler Matthew & Aubrey Podell Diamond Brian Moran Brian & Nicole Keough