

90th Birthday Bash in the Works for Sloatsburg



By Kathy Kahn

The village of Sloatsburg (named for the Sloat family), is already preparing for its 90th birthday in 2019. “It takes a year to plan something like this,” said Mayor Carl Wright. “And we want it to be a great success.”

Sloatsburg is currently undergoing a metamorphosis thanks to entrepreneur Michael Bruno, owner of Tuxedo Hudson, and who has been bringing new business into the downtown area to help transform its Main Street with pedestrian shopping stops and restaurants. Along with roadway improvements to Route 17, its major thoroughfare by NYS Dept. of Transportation, the pedestrian renovation should add to the celebration.

Wright and a committee of volunteers prepared an outline of what they’d like to see in the journal they plan to publish to commemorate Sloatsburg’s 90th—where they’d like to hold a music venue, as well as food, fun and entertainment for the kids and grownups alike, as well as capping off the event with fireworks show.

“It takes planning, and it takes money, but it’s worth it,” said Wright, as he spoke to volunteers and community residents who joined him at Town Hall Tuesday evening. “It may seem early to

start thinking about it, but with summer already here, we've got to get busy." He plans to hold a series of meetings with volunteer residents and hopes all who can will participate and contribute to the Commemorative Journal for the event and in other fundraisers to prepare for the birthday bash.

Since it was a vital spot during the Revolutionary War and served as a command post for General George Washington's troops, its rich history and current renovation should make for a nice blend of old and new. If its "walkable community" revitalization is completed in time, it should give residents and visitors to the party for the village something extra to cheer about.

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