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Angie Silipigno
Supporting Others
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August is full of contrasts – it’s hot and humid but the days are sunny and long! It’s the best of summer, when the water is at its warmest, the vegetable gardens are flourishing and there are so many fun things left to do! But it’s also the end of summer, with vacations ending, school beginning and storms on the rise. So what is one to do? Get out and enjoy every last minute of it!

From the free summer concerts and movie series to farmers markets, food tours & festivals, to historic home tours and everything horses...there is no shortage of fun things to do! Do you like going to the fair? You have many to choose from since nearly every county has one this month and the state does too! Are you into sports? Check out the Aurora Games – a showcase for the “best in women’s sports, entertainment and culture” right in your own backyard at the Times Union Center.

Besides all of these great activities and events, we get to introduce you to a wonderful family, the Silipignos, whose mission is to help others who are facing some of life’s toughest challenges. They do so with enthusiasm and grace and we can all learn from their lead. Speaking of learning, we present some back-to-school tips in this issue as well. We also include advice on how to choose the right fence, so read on and take it all in before August ends!

Don’t forget to share your summer photos and stories too! What is your favorite part of summer? Do you have a great summer salad or grill recipe you love? Do you know someone we should feature or a not-for-profit we can cover? Send us a note and let us share them with your neighbors either in these pages or on our FB page at @CPNeighbors. We LOVE hearing from you!

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How to Choose the Right Fence For Your Place

By Mark DiCocco

Got an old fence that needs replacing? Or are you putting in a new pool that needs to be secured? Have a puppy that needs room to roam? All of these are good reasons to put in a new fence - so where do you begin?

There are six basic items to consider:

- **Privacy & Security:** How much you need of both will affect the options you have. Whether it's for keeping a pet in or protecting your pool, remember it can also block out whatever nice views you have.
- **Style:** All fences will affect the overall appearance and value of your home. Keeping in mind the style of home you have along with where you want to place the fence will make a big difference in the outcome.
- **Restrictions:** Many HOAs and municipalities have strict regulations on placement as well as height and color or type of fences allowed. Be sure to know these rules BEFORE you buy!
- **Installation:** Depending on the topography and distance your fence needs to cover, you'll want to discuss slopes and bedrock and even wind with your contractor before making a final decision.
- **Maintenance:** How much time do you want to put into staining or painting? Power washing and repairing?
- **Budget:** You can do this very inexpensively or not... think in terms of aesthetics, maintenance, longevity and resale and it will all come together.

Once you've covered all of this, there are 4 basic choices: **Wood**, **Vinyl**, **Metal** and **Chain Link**.

Wooden fences offer a natural look, with ease of installation and low cost for repairs if needed. They are usually your least expensive and most "green" options. So, whether you want the perfect white picket fence or the country look of a split rail, or you need more privacy like a solid board or shadowbox fence, there are a number of options for color, height, gates and styles. With regular upkeep they can stay looking good for years.

Chain Link is known for its tradition of value, durability and strength and now has more options than ever. It can come in the standard galvanized grey or vinyl coated colors such as black, green and white. It can even be used as a privacy fence with woven slats.

Metal fences range from top of the line ornamental wrought iron that last hundreds of years to the newer aluminum or powder coated galvanized steel fences in between. These can offer affordable options while providing a unique upscale look and less ongoing maintenance.

PVC or Vinyl fencing are the most popular with homeowners now. They offer a virtually maintenance-free option with lengthy guarantees. They are strong and flexible, never rust or need painting and come in many different forms from picket to privacy fencing with lots of ornamental toppers to choose from.

Whatever you choose, make sure you hire a reputable contractor to work with – it can make all the difference! ■



Miranda Real Estate Group, Inc.

By Tricia Rulison

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Willie Miranda received his real estate license in 1998 and started working part time at Coldwell Banker, while owning and operating Miranda Insurance Agency, Inc., a franchise of Allstate, which he still runs today. It wasn't until July of 2002, that Willie decided to open Miranda Real Estate Group, Inc., the #1 independent brokerage based in The Capital District. Willie used his systems and processes he had learned on the insurance side and transformed them to fit his real estate business, which focuses on building deeper relationships with clients and providing "Raving Fan Service!" Today, Miranda Real Estate Group, Inc. has 3 office locations - Clifton Park, Rotterdam and Saratoga with 80 agents and 11 employees.



they may face. He also facilitates a top-notch mastermind with successful Brokers/Owners and Team Leaders across the country, in helping them take their businesses to the next level. He then takes what he has learned from his group and shares it with his own agents, so they implement these tools into their business. The goal is always to help people keep growing and stay ahead of their competition. His biggest success comes from his customer-service

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Willie opened up his brokerage to help other agents, "Build and maintain a successful business, within his business, while making it a profitable and enjoyable experience to our clients." His goal has always been to help his agents build successful businesses. So how do you make this happen? Willie and his brother, Brian, who is also the General Manager / Real Estate Associate Broker, focus on 3 pillars: leads, training and support. However, training is at the forefront of the brokerage. Willie is consistently working with his agents in the trenches on a daily basis, which allows him to help his team of agents with any objection

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BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

By Pattie Vitale, Brown School Head of School

Planning for back-to-school season seems to begin right after the Fourth of July! Whether your child is entering nursery school or high school, preparation falls into three basic categories: organization, responsibility and communication.

Life is busy, and a well-defined schedule helps keep the stress to a minimum. How you choose to keep track of your child's schedule is a matter of personal preference. However, equally important to the schedule is the flexibility plan for when your schedule goes off track. Typical things parents don't think of in September are sick days, getting stuck in traffic, or the worst - snow days. You will ease your mind if you have preplanned with a family member, friend or another parent to pick up or watch your child if there is an unexpected change to the daily schedule. This is especially important for children who ride the bus and can arrive home before the parent. Having a reliable neighbor there to meet the bus will save a parent a great deal of anxiety. Keeping a copy of the school directory in your glove compartment, or the directory link on your phone is also helpful.

It is necessary to understand your child's organizational skills prior to supply shopping. There will be lists provided by the teacher, but before you hit the store, have a sit down with your child. If you have certain restrictions,

for example, no need for a 365 box of crayons or a pair of sneakers costing \$265, let them know this before you hit the store. Let them know what they can pick out, but make suggestions before hand. Remember, for the child who struggles with organization, the more they have to manage can be challenging. Spiral notebooks may have colorful, cute covers but nothing beats a composition notebook for the student who has the tendency to rip out pages and lose important work. Plastic coated folders will last longer than paper folders, which can look chewed up before the end of September. Once you get all your supplies home, label everything.

Your child will have many responsibilities in the new school year. Getting homework completed is one thing, handing it in on time is another. The more responsibilities the child learns to manage, the more independent they will be in school. The parent and child should create a plan in advance to help the child develop independence. Checklists for the backpack, including homework, lunch and other necessities are helpful. Creating a routine for packing up the night before school and setting out clothes will also make for an easier morning.

May the new school year bring you less stress and much success! ■

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Angie Silipigno Supporting Others with Her Life's Mission

COVER STORY

By Jenna Caputo

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Even from a very young age, Angie Silipigno always knew she was meant to help children. "For as long as I can remember, I knew I wanted to work in a hospital with children. I never knew what that would look like, but I knew in my heart that I wanted to work with pediatric patients. I knew I didn't want to be a nurse or doctor as I always envisioned myself engaged in activities with the patients. I had no idea how to even go about it, but it was on my heart and I couldn't let it go," remembers Angie.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Angie moved with her family to Indiana when she was three years old. Her father followed his family's tradition of working for the railroad, and as the Director of Risk Management for Conrail, he was transferred again to Clifton Park when she was eight. Despite being an extremely shy child, Angie loved

spending time with her friends. Their house became the house that everyone hung out at and they would swim all day and enjoy sleepovers on the weekends.

She met her husband, Chris, in ninth grade. They immediately began dating, but it wasn't quite their time and they went their separate ways until junior year, when they started dating again. This time it stuck, and they ended up dating for almost 10 years before marrying. They are now looking forward to celebrating their 19th wedding anniversary this September. "He truly is my best friend," she says. "We have grown up together, faced so many of life's ups and downs together, and have just been so in sync with one another over the years. He's the fun-loving, always on the dance floor, light-hearted kind of guy that literally gives me the courage to step out of my comfort zone daily. He makes the girls and I belly laugh all the time and he rolls along with a smile in a household full of girls!"

Angie initially went into teaching special education, but her heart still longed for her dream of working in a hospital. When Chris had to relocate to New York City for his job, Angie found her chance. She obtained an internship at Mount Sinai and completed her certification as a Child Life Specialist and never looked back.

A Child Life Specialist is a member of the healthcare team who has expertise in child development and the impact of healthcare experiences on that development. It is her job to not only make sure a child understands their diagnosis through developmentally appropriate language and hands-on play activities with both pretend and real medical equipment to introduce them to all the sights and experiences they will encounter in their treatment, but to also help them develop coping strategies for the process ahead.



She quickly realized that she wanted to specialize in pediatric oncology and have the chance to establish long-term relationships with the patients and their families. "I realized very early on that this world of childhood cancer was a world all its own. A world that no one would ever want to become a part of, but one in which its citizens would find blessings in, feel a tremendous sense of community and find strength in the resources and supports available for them. Each day I was given the chance to share time with some of the most amazing, brave and determined individuals. What a tremendous privilege it's been to be able to come along side each family as they face the scariest moment of their lives, receiving their child's diagnosis of cancer." It became her mission to lift these families up, help carry their load and try to even get a giggle or smile out of both the child and parents.

She excelled at her job, and in 2014, received the very prestigious Employee of the Year award at Albany Medical Center. But after 10 years of working at the hospital in a clinical capacity, she realized she needed to shift her focus a bit and make a change. However, she knew she needed to still somehow be within the world of pediatric oncology.

Through her work at the hospital she often worked closely with Frank DeBlasi, founder of the Ballsfest Organization. After his own battle with cancer, Frank knew the importance of positivity on the healing process and wanted to create something to help others with cancer. He created Ballsfest with a mission of lifting the

hearts of children, teens and families impacted by cancer. It started as an annual "party," but since has grown into five different states with an annual signature event in each area that presents each "Baller" with a personalized gift or experience to celebrate their bravery and strength.

By spring of 2018, Frank shared with Angie that he had interest in expanding the services offered and would like to hire someone specifically to run the program. After giving it some thought, Angie thought that maybe this was the answer she had been looking for. "Before me was an opportunity to become a part of something I believed in whole-heartedly; something that would allow me to stay connected to the Melodies Center and the families I love so much - something so unique, so special and with so much potential," she says.

She took on her new role as Executive Director at Ballsfest, and began implementing year-round programs with supports for the families at all points of their cancer journey, both within the hospital setting as well as within the community. She is grateful to be able to maintain a relationship with the families she so loves while also having the opportunity to expand her reach outside of just the clinical world.

"Everyday there is a blank slate before me and a world of potential and possibility," she explains. "Each day provides me with a chance to go out into the community and share my passion for childhood cancer, tell stories of strength and courage of amazing children and families and hopefully inspire people to open their hearts to this cause. I feel tremendously grateful to live in a community where there are such wonderful business leaders to learn from,

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generous community supporters to build relationships with and endless opportunities to share our mission with." Unfortunately, there is not only a lack of federal funding for childhood cancer research, but also a lack of awareness. Not to mention the catastrophic impact a diagnosis has on a family not only emotionally, but also financially and socially as well. She is working to overcome these challenges every day.

At home, Angie and Chris' family now includes their 12-year-old twin daughters, Madeline Hope and Isabella Faith. Chris is the Chief Operating Officer at Renaissance Investment Group and the girls are heading into seventh grade at Acadia Middle School. Their family also includes a shih-tzu poodle mix puppy, Rosie, who is about to celebrate her second birthday. They are active in their church community and work to instill in their home a place that also values community involvement and supporting others. Her family helps her with volunteer events as well as supporting Chris' work at The City Mission of Schenectady. "This environment was an eye-opener for us and quickly shifted our life perspective as a family," says Angie. "We wanted our girls to understand poverty, how sometimes people are faced with difficult situations that have long-lasting implications, and how with love and support, people can transform their lives and have a new beginning. Since our girls were small, we have volunteered as a family at holiday meals, attended graduations for mission residents and spent time in fellowship with the people being served there." Chris also serves on the Board of Directors for the Shenendehowa Education Foundation and they are excited to support the innovative initiatives being made available to the school community.

They are a busy family, so they hold their family time together sacred. They eat dinner together most nights and Angie makes sure she bakes the girls a special birthday cake herself each year for their birthday, as well as hand makes all their Halloween costumes. Thanks to her mother-in-law, she and Chris have also been able to get in a date night alone together every weekend since the girls



were born, and they carve out time each weekend to do something all together as a family as well.

They all share a love of dessert, going to great lengths to find a yummy dessert no matter where they are! They often head up to Saratoga after church on Sundays to grab a coffee, stroll through the shops, and relax in Congress Park with a picnic. They spend a lot of time on Lake George, and in the winter, go skiing together. Angie enjoys being part of the Burn Boot Camp Community right here in Clifton Park and runs weekly with her girlfriends for a "fitness and chat" session.

Angie is passionate about "living the life you love," and often leans on Proverbs 3:6 as a mantra for her family – "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

"As the world becomes a tougher place to live in, I pray that our girls will continue to grow in their faith, maintain strong values, recognize the beauty of life and never pass up an opportunity to try new things," she says.

She is looking forward to another great year of events at Ballsfest and in continuing to expand their reach within the community, both with their events, and with their base of volunteers and sponsors that all have a heart for children and a desire to get involved in this exciting time of growth.

"I have always been so taken back by the tremendous generosity of our community," she says. "It is so touching to see the way this community rallies around those in need. We are thankful to be raising our children in the community we grew up in!"

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The Amazing Oliver & His Dog, Uno

By John L. Scherer, Clifton Park Town Historian

This photo shows the pool of water that daredevil, Oliver, would dive into from a 104-foot tower. His dog, Uno, would also dive into the pool from a 50-foot tower. This was a very popular entertainment at the amusement park in Rexford during the 1919 season when the park went by the name of "The Colonnade." In back of the pool can be seen the carousel house. If you caught the brass ring you would get a free ride.

The park opened in 1906 as Luna Park after the famous amusement park at Coney Island.

Rexford Park was built by the Schenectady Trolley Line to give patrons a destination. The night trolley to the park



The Amazing Oliver and his Dog, Uno, Rexford Amusement Park, 1919

was lit by lanterns and was a sight to behold. The amusement park changed name frequently and was known first at Luna Park, then as Dolle's Park after one of the owners, Fred Dolle, Colonnade Park and Rexford Park. By changing names periodically and introducing new attractions, the park would continue to attract the public. It closed in 1933 and all the rides and amusements were removed by 1935.

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historic Waterford at the crossroads on
New York's State Canal System. **Bring
a Backpack for Backpacks of Hope!**
Time: 5:30-7:30pm | Cost: \$10

Sunday, Aug 11

ANNUAL 18TH CENTURY DAY AT
THE HISTORIC SCHUYLER HOUSE
@ Schuyler House, US Route 4,
Schuylerville
Listen to music, see puppet shows,
candle dipping, rope making, beer
brewing, spinning, dyeing, quilting,
tin-smithing, broom making and more.
Time: 12-5pm | Cost: FREE

Thursday, Aug 15

HEALTH, HISTORY AND HORSES
CHARITY GALA
@ Longfellow's Restaurant, Saratoga
GALA sponsored by Ladies of Charity
Saratoga Vicariate. Funds raised to
support the poor in Saratoga, Warren
and Washington Counties. Featuring
food, cash bar, music, silent auction,
basket raffle. Attire: Summer Festive!
Time: 6-9pm | Cost: \$75

Saturday, Aug 17

13TH ANNUAL CLIFTON PARK ELKS
CAR, TRUCK AND BIKE SHOW

@ Clifton Park Elks Lodge, 695 MacElroy Road, Ballston Lake
 This is our 13th Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle show – Fun, Music, 50/50 Raffles, Great Food & Awards. Also, see the New York State Police demonstrate their **“Rollover Simulator.”** Proceeds benefit the Elks National Foundation and the NYSEA Major Project Fund (Cerebral Palsy Home Service Program).
Time: 9am-4pm
Cost: Spectators – FREE;
Contestants - \$10

Saturday, Aug 17
MAKE YOUR OWN WOODEN FAIRY HOUSE
 @ Kulak’s Nursery, 1615 Rt 146, Rexford
 This craft will bring out your child’s creativity while they paint and add decor to cute wooden houses with picket fences! We will provide knick knacks for them to use or if they have something they would like to bring to place on the house, we will help them glue it on!
Cost: \$10/child, 4yrs+ - Sign up by 8/15 at 518-399-2404

Tuesday-Sunday, Aug 20-25
AURORA GAMES
 @ Times Union Center, Albany
 The City of Albany has been selected as the official host site for the inaugural Aurora Games, an international, world-class, all-women’s multi-sport competition and entertainment festival. Designed to celebrate the best in women’s sports, entertainment and culture, the Aurora Games will welcome all-star athletes as well as coaches and trainers representing more than 15 countries. The six-day event will include team and individual competitions in basketball, tennis, figure skating, gymnastics, ice hockey and beach volleyball. Fans will also enjoy musical performances, food tastings, sports clinics, autograph sessions and seminars at the Aurora Games Fan Zone.
Cost: \$25-\$150

Wednesday, Aug 21
A HISTORY OF THE TRAVERS STAKES
 @ Canfield Casino, Saratoga
 Racing Historians Brien Bouyea and Michael Veitch will lecture on their newly released book chronicling the history of this 150-year-old stakes race. An audience of 150-200 is expected.
Time: 7pm | Cost: FREE

Wednesday, Aug 21
OFF THE SHELF WITH RICHARD RUSSO - CHANCES ARE...
 @ Arthur Zankel Music Center at Skidmore College
 The Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist will discuss his eagerly anticipated new novel with Joe Donahue of WAMC/ Northeast Public Radio. Shot through with Russo’s trademark comedy and humanity, the novel is an absorbing saga of how friendship’s bonds are every bit as constricting and rewarding as those of family or any other community.
Time: 7pm
Cost: Tickets & Info at northshire.com

Saturday, Aug 24
SARATOGA STAKES RACES: 150TH TRAVERS DAY
 @ Saratoga Race Course, Saratoga
 Today’s stakes schedule at Saratoga Race Course features the GI Runhappy Travers, GI Sword Dancer, GI Personal Ensign, GI Forego, GI Ketel One Ballerina, GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial presented by Runhappy, and GII Ballston Spa.

Sunday, Aug 25
CDJW HELP A DOG BBQ & PET FESTIVAL
 @ Albany-Saratoga Speedway, 2671 State Highway 9, Ballston Spa
 Grab Your Leashes! Capital District Jeep Wrangler has teamed up with the Animal Protective Foundation (APF) to bring you a yummy BBQ (Vegan too) and family/ pet friendly festival for all to enjoy while raising funds for the APF, including low-cost, \$20 micro-

chipping for your pets too!
Time: 11am-3pm

Tuesday, Aug 27
ONE FINE DAY LUNCHEON - SHELTERS OF SARATOGA
 @ Prime II Saratoga National, 14 Walworth Street, Saratoga
 Join us for ‘One Fine Day’ amidst the picturesque grounds of Saratoga National Golf Club to support homeless care services at Shelters of Saratoga.
Time: 12-3pm | Cost: \$85

Wednesday-Monday, Aug 28-Sept 2
179TH COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR
 @ Columbia County Fairgrounds, 182 Hudson Avenue, Chatham
 Get ready for six days of fun with all your fair favorites as well as new entertainment that will fill the stages, exhibit buildings, barns, midway and grandstand.
Time: Wed 12-11pm;
Thurs-Mon 11am-11pm
Cost: Free - \$10

Wednesday-Monday, Aug 28-Sept 2
200TH ANNUAL SCHAGHTICOKE FAIR
 @ Schaghticoke Fairgrounds, 69 Stillwater Bridge Rd., Schaghticoke
 The 3rd oldest fair in NYS takes great pride in being a Family Fair with hands-on participation at its exhibits. Building after building will be bursting with vegetables, fruits, animals, antiques, baked goods and homemade crafts. Tasting, seeing, hearing and literally feeling agriculture in action is one of the best experiences we can offer. The 2019 Schaghticoke Fair will feature attractions, rides, booths, shows, a concert by Trace Adkins on Thursday, August 29th and much more!
Time: 10am-10pm
Cost:\$1- \$40 for the whole week



Welcome to the Neighborhood

By Pete Bardunias, President/CEO, the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County



Few businesses would claim to be “the absolute Wurst,” but the **Dog Haus Biergarten** (7 Southside Dr, 518-373-3647, www.cliftonpark.doghaus.com) happily uses that slogan to tout its great menu of hot dogs, sausages and burgers available right in downtown Clifton Park! With 24 craft beers on tap, a meal at the Dog Haus is sure to satisfy. The staff and volunteer Ambassadors of the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County were on hand to celebrate the official ribbon cutting June 3, along with Clifton Park Town Councilwoman Amy Standaert, plus representatives of Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh and Senator Jim Tedisco, joining operating partner Ben Albright (center, with scissors) and his team.

Builders FirstSource (1675 Watkins Plaza, Route 9, Halfmoon, 518-243-5850, www.blldr.com) has come to Halfmoon with an attractive showroom, enthusiastic staff and a desire to serve the construction needs of the area community. They supply structural building materials and services to homebuilders and remodelers nationwide, operating in 39 states with approximately 400 locations. Employing over 15,000 associates, 2018 sales for Builders FirstSource were \$7.7 Billion. The company held a big open house, ribbon cutting and celebration event on June 5 to not only showcase their various displays and introduce factory reps and their products, but also to introduce the staff to the local community. The CSSC was proud to cut the ceremonial ribbon along with area elected officials.



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What To Do If You Lose Your Pet

Contributed by the Town of Clifton Park

It's summertime, and that means getting outside to enjoy the nice weather...for your pets too! So even though you and your pets have been cooped up in the house all winter, don't let them out without a leash and a collar - it's easy for them to stray and get lost now. It can be heart wrenching to lose your pet, and it's scary for them too! In light of this timing, we wanted to bring you some important information on what to do if your dog or cat (or any other critter for that matter) wander away.



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Start with a **detailed description** and **clear photo** of your pet. Include your pet's name, sex, age, weight, breed, color and any special markings. Do they have a collar or a microchip? Are they fixed? Are they friendly or skittish? *However, when describing your pet, leave out one identifying characteristic and ask the person who finds your pet to describe it, so you*

don't get scammed. Now put all of this into an email or word doc and contact all the following agencies and groups to spread the word as soon as possible.

Animal Emergency and Veterinarians: Check with the vets in your area in case someone brought your pet in for treatment. Check with Animal Emergency Care Centers too:

- Animal Emergency Clinic of Capital District 518-785-1094
- Northway Animal Emergency Clinic 518-761-2602
- Teri Cook, Town of Clifton Park Animal Control Officer 518-371-6756

- Upstate Veterinary Specialties 518-783-3198

Animal Shelters: Call them to let them know that you have lost your pet. Owners are strongly encouraged to stay in close, frequent touch with all area shelters and any other lost and found resources they are using. Checking every 2-3 days is acceptable.

- Saratoga County Animal Shelter 518-885-4113
- Mohawk Hudson Humane Society 518-434-8128
- Animal Protection Foundation 518-374-3944

Newspapers and Online: Check local newspapers, Craigslist, neighborhood sites, etc. (multiple times) against lost and found reports. Post it on your own Facebook page as well as on Clifton Park Pet Finders and Steve Caporizzo's Pet Connection.

Fliers: Post fliers with good photos in addition to the description and multiple contacts. These are the best tools for matching lost and found pets. Use brightly colored paper to stand out.

Ask: Your neighbors and your mail carrier if they have seen your pet. If you have recently moved, check your old neighborhood.

When you do find your pet, PLEASE let everyone know and take down the fliers! We all welcome the happy news when they are returned home! ■



Be a part of the new Clifton Park Neighbors Pet Corner! Send us your pet photos and stories to jcaputo@bestversionmedia.com or at our Facebook page @CPNeighbors.

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