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Rocky Velvet To Rock Troy Night Out

Metroland Best Band Winners To Play Closed Down State Street in support of Barker Park

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(July 23, 2007- TROY)- Fresh off being named Best Band in the Capital Region by Metroland, Rocky Velvet will rock the City of Troy this Friday night as part of Troy Night Out in support of the revitalization of Barker Park.

The band is scheduled to take the stage at 7 p.m. Friday night on State Street between Third and Fourth Streets. As part of the performance, the Friends of Barker Park will unveil its plans for the redesign of the City park at the corner of Third and State Streets.

“Friday is certainly going to be an exciting night in Troy,” Mayor Harry J Tutunjian said Monday. “There are significant changes taking place in the area of State, Third, and Fourth Streets, and to have Rocky Velvet playing a show for us there is tremendous.”

Tutunjian also praised the Friends of Barker Park for its commitment to improving the City park. Within the last few weeks, concrete has been replaced with grass, and plans continue to unfold to make the park more welcoming and accessible for people around the City.

“Groups of dedicated residents and business owners working together to improve public spaces is a wonderful sign of a growing community,” Tutunjian said. “This is a group of people across of broad spectrum of professions that have committed themselves to a project, and they deserve our great thanks.”

Representatives from the Friends of Barker Park will be out Friday evening to discuss the plans for the park, and talk to people interested in getting involved.

"Barker Park was once the site where the former City Hall stood," said Marc Coudert, President Friends of Barker Park. "We are working hard to bring beauty back to a civic space for the enjoyment of the entire community."

For more information on both Barker Park and Troy Night Out, please visit one of the

following sites:

www.barkerpark.org

www.troynightout.org

On Saturday evening, Rocky Velvet will also be playing at Jose Malone's on River Street in Troy. That show begins at 10 p.m. The website for the restaurant is www.josemalones.com

Rocky Velvet formed in the Albany area in 1996 as young men just out of high school, and over the years they've cultivated a reputation as one of Upstate New York's premiere bands. Metroland, the newsweekly of NY's Capital Region (Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Saratoga), crowned them "Best Band" in 2007.

More information on the band can be found at www.rockyvelvet.com

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