



The 13th Annual Tour of Homes set for May 22

Bonnie Weinberger

The Parkside Community Association proudly presents the 13th Annual Tour of Homes on Sunday, May 22nd from 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This popular tour will have at least 10 outstanding homes for you to explore. Visitors are promised a fascinating look inside historical residences. Onsite docents will provide history of the homes and will be available for questions.

Come see for yourself why Parksiders and out-of-towners alike say this event is "the best tour they have taken." The tour begins at the Church of the Good Shepherd, on the corner of Jewett Parkway and Summit Avenue where information, tickets, and maps will be available. A mini-tour of the Darwin Martin House Complex, which includes the Gardener's Cottage, Barton House, Wisteria Shop, and Visitors Center, is included in the ticket price,

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 the day of the tour, and \$13 for PCA members. Advance tickets can be purchased on the PCA website at www.parksidebuffalo.org or by visiting the PCA office, 2318 Main Street, Buffalo, or by calling the office at 838-1240.

The PCA office will be open on Saturday, May 21st from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for advance ticket purchases (cash or check only). Proceeds benefit the continuing work of the Parkside Community Association. No children under the age of 12, please. The event will be held rain or shine.

Summer Arts Program is Back

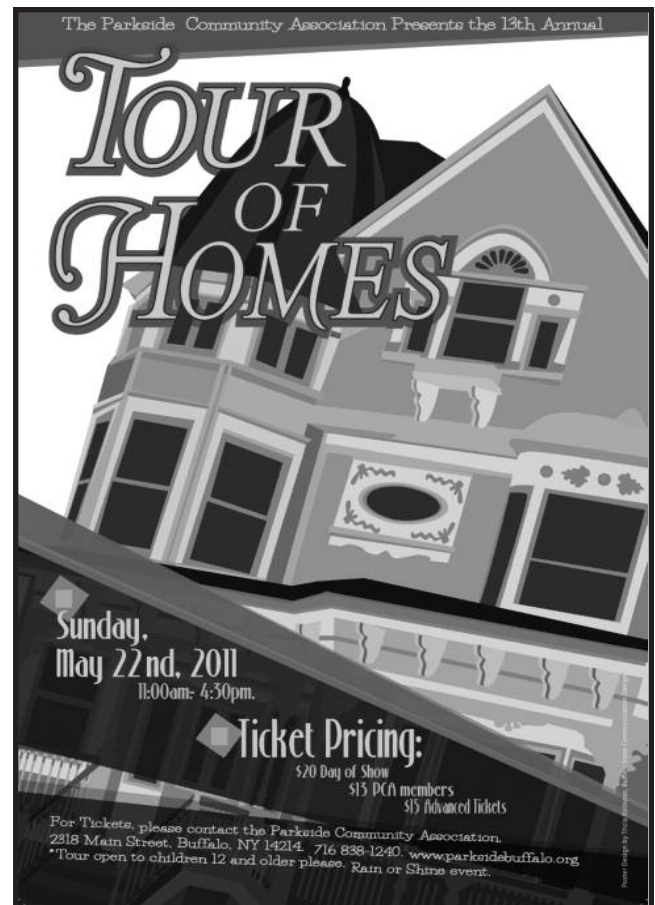
Jessica Pirro



On behalf of the PCA Board of Directors, we are thrilled to report the continuation of the PCA Summer Arts Program for 2011. Last year at this time we were faced with the news of funding cuts by NYS that eliminated the After School program and put the Summer Arts program in jeopardy. A committee of the Board was developed to assess our ability to determine the PCA's

ability to continue the program. We had to determine if we continue the program as it has been known to our community, change the program based on funding to support it, or decide to not do it at all. Through strategic planning and grant writing we were able to continue the program as we have known it with financial support from the City of Buffalo and multiple support requests to local foundations and corporate sponsors. We also surveyed parents of past participants regarding increased registration fees to bridge the remaining budget gap. With these various efforts, we are able to continue the program for 2011.

We are excited to report that Paula Dolega is returning as our Summer Arts Planning Coordinator for 2011! We are glad to have her return in this role to help us ensure the quality programming that you all came to expect of the Summer Arts Program. The camp will run from 9 am to 3 pm for two (2) 3-week sessions, from Tuesday July 5th to the 22nd, and from Monday July 25th



to Friday August 12th. We are limiting families to one session each, to allow as many children to participate as possible. Traditionally the program receives far more applications than spots available, both for our counselor in training (C.I.T.) program as well as for camp enrollment. Registration will give first priority to families that had previously participated, with enrollment to be limited to approximately 100 children, ages 5-11.

Although our focus is getting our 2011 program planned and running, we are already strategizing for 2012. We ask the PCA membership and neighbors to help us ensure the continued success of this well received program through your help by volunteering your skills to teach program's kids, financial donations to the Summer Arts Program, or by helping the PCA connect to sponsors or corporate funding sources. It is our hope that, by pulling together as a neighborhood, we could continue offering this program without being so subject to changes in available public funding

Please keep checking our web site www.parksidebuffalo.org for up to date details about the 2011 Summer Arts Program.

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The mission of the Parkside Community Association is to advocate, communicate and act on behalf of the Parkside neighborhood to preserve and enhance the quality of life.

Your **Parkside Membership Card** may be the most powerful card in your wallet (aside from your driver's license and your many credit cards, of course!). With this card you show that you are a supporter of the PCA and its important work. It will also get you a multitude of discounts (see the list on the website).

<http://www.parksidebuffalo.org/>

A Letter from The Executive Director's Desk

Ben Johnson

It's springtime once again in Parkside. Time to put away those skis and get your bikes tuned up. Congratulations to all that made it through another superlative winter, and for those of you lucky enough to escape briefly, welcome home. In case you've missed it, we've been busy here at the PCA reviving old programs, and preparing for our regular ones. Despite losing a significant grant from the NYS Department of Education, we have managed to save our popular Summer Arts camp, scheduled to run from July 5th through August 12th. We are moving forward with our \$500,000 façade improvement grant on Main Street, as well as an additional \$200,000 to preserve our two affordable rental units on Main Street. We have greatly improved our website, and membership database capabilities, allowing us to reach you without filling up your inboxes with unwanted spam. We have offered a series of 'Members only events' with our "Cure for Cabin Fever" series, as well as the second annual Parkside Contractors fair for those of you looking to jump start your spring projects.

Looking ahead, we are continuing to work with the police department, Canisus College security, and the NFTA Police on improving our crime alert process. We are working with our district inspector to combat graffiti and dilapidated and unsafe properties. Our Housing Committee is partnering with our sister agency in University Heights to offer subsidized home improvement loans to qualified households. Flint Hill Village is expanding to include more of North Buffalo, as we organize and advocate for senior services to allow our aging members to stay in their homes for as long as they're able. All of this we're doing to 'protect and improve the general quality of life' of our neighborhood, but we're doing it for another reason as well, namely to encourage you, yes you, to get involved.

If you have time, energy or expertise to give, the PCA can use you. Interested in a wine tour of nearby vineyards? We may have a program for that. Looking for fellow knitters to meet with? We are working on a group for that too. Do you need help with yard-work? Want to join or revive a block club? Looking for recommendations on a good roofer? The PCA is here to help. Like anything worth doing, the more you put into your community, the more you can expect to get out of it. Good fences may make for good neighbors, but it takes strong connections to make a strong neighborhood. Even by simply signing up for e-mail alerts online, you're putting us in a better position to advocate for Parkside with a larger membership base. By joining at even a modest level, you'll helping to strengthen the oldest not-for profit community association in Buffalo.

So enjoy the weather as it turns slowly from gray to green, say hi to your neighbors as they start emerging from their caves, and skip on those newly drawn hopscotch lines. It's getting warmer folks, let's revel in it together.

A talented Craftswoman

Arlene Stone

Heather Lodinsky is a native Buffalonian who lives in Parkside with her husband and two daughters. She also knits, crochets, sews, designs, and is a published author. Her latest book, "150 Motifs to Knit and Crochet" - Anything-but-Square Shapes for Garments, Accessories, Afghans and Throws." was published recently in the UK, and soon will be published in the Netherlands. The patterns can be used to embellish small projects or can be combined for large projects, such as Afghans, pillows or sweaters.



Heather Lodinski with supplies at the ready

Heather first picked up a set of needles when she was seven in a 4-H club, and is rarely without them to this day. Her designing career began more than 20 years ago. Many of her pattern designs have been published by leading yarn manufacturers as well as in many knitting and crocheting publications.

Heather is best known for her "Central Park Hoodie," pattern which was published in the fall 2006 edition of "Knitscene Magazine". According to ravelry.com, a popular website for knitters cont. on P 6

The PCA is looking to enhance our presence among new neighbors. We all know that Parkside is filled with friendly people so why not showcase this for our newest neighbors? Starting in February, the membership committee agreed to implement hand-delivered welcome gift bags for those moving into Parkside. This basket includes:

- Tour buck for a free tour of Parkside
- Biscotti made by Lena's Cookies
- Baked goods
- Pineapple symbolizing hospitality
- Free one year membership to PCA
- Welcome letter from executive director, Ben Johnson
- Plenty of brochures regarding the neighborhood and the upcoming events.



Thus far, the new neighbors have been very appreciative for the welcome and happy to meet someone from the neighborhood. In fact, one neighbor even participated in the chili cook off event based on her welcome basket. We look forward to continuing these welcome baskets on a monthly basis and encourage neighbors to get involved by helping deliver the baskets or donating gifts to the kit. If you have any thoughts on how else we could welcome newcomers, feel free to submit suggestions to our membership committee through our website.

Parkside Annual Garden Tour set for for June 26, 2011

Tom Ziobro

The Garden Tour information sheet in this newsletter is now available ONLINE at the PCA website. Click "Garden Tour" under "Programs and Events" in the left column. Then click "Online Garden Tour Information Sheet" near the bottom of the page. Fill it out the form and press "SUBMIT" at the bottom of the page and you're all set.

You're invited to join the Parkside Community Association in showing off our neighborhood's gardens, tree lined streets and beautiful outdoor living spaces. Join us by entering your garden in this year's Parkside Garden Tour to be held on Sunday, June 26th, 2011 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Gardeners from the beginner to the master gardener are all encouraged to participate. Gardens of any size – from modest container gardens to 100% planted tracts are encouraged to join in.

Now you have an opportunity to open your gates and share all your imagination and sweat-equity with other like-minded individuals. It's all in the tradition of Frederick Law Olmsted, who designed Parkside to be a buffer between the expanding city of Buffalo and bucolic Delaware park.

If you can participate, please complete the following information by June 1st. Drop it off or mail it to the Parkside Community Association office, 2318 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14214. Or e-mail Tom Ziobro at parksider@verizon.net and I can send you this form electronically. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Tour Chair, Tom Ziobro at 834-5412 or the PCA office at 838-1240. And please PLEASE ask your neighbors if they would consider being on the tour. Concentration of gardens assures peak traffic through your block and maximum enjoyment for all. Hope you can join us!

Garden Tour Information Sheet & Application

Note: JUNE 1, 2011 is the firm submission deadline for inclusion in the map and guide !!!

Cut here and mail the information to us

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Gardener name(s) : _____
 Garden address : Street# / Apt# _____ Street Name _____
 *Phone number(s) : _____
 *E-mail address : _____

* information is for internal use only and NOT included in map/guide

Permission to use garden photos for publicity purposes _____ (please initial)
 Viewable Garden location(s) ____ (F) FRONT ____ (S) SIDE ____ (B) BACK of house
 Features: I__mixed annuals and perennials; I__fall annuals; I__fall perennials; I__organic;
 I__herb; I__Zen; I__rose; I__vegetable; I__water; I__rock; I__shade garden

Garden Description: Include any interesting notes about your garden or home. e.g. features, history, style, why it's great for outdoor living, etc. Brag! (25 words or less)

Parkside Presents Century Home Plaque Program

The Parkside Century Home Plaque Program celebrates our historically designed Frederick Law Olmsted neighborhood and the significance of its homes. The plaque is available to all qualifying homeowners in Parkside who can verify that their houses are at least 100 year old. The circa option is used for years that are estimated (for example, circa 1899). Parkside Century Home Plaques are oval and made of bronze with a dark green background and a brushed raised surface. They are 10" wide by 7" high and are mounted by two brass screws. The cost of the plaque is \$156.00 which includes shipping and handling to the Parkside office.

PCA Research for Home Data - \$25 Applied to Cost of Plaque

Is your home 100 years old? Would you like to find out, but don't have the time to do the research? The PCA is offering to do the work for you. Call the PCA office and give your name, address and phone number and a PCA Board member will contact you, ask some questions about your home, do the research and supply you with documents to verify the year your house was built. If your house is 100 years old, you would qualify for a beautiful and reasonably priced Parkside Centennial plaque. Act now and find out the answer to the question. "How old is my house?"

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Research Method (Provide Copy of Documents)

- Abstract or Title Search
- Buffalo City Directory
- Federal and State Census Records
- Building Permit
- Buffalo Common Council Proceedings
- Architectural Plans, Blueprints or Drawings
- Other

Built in Year _____ or Circa Year _____

Verified by _____

Make checks payable to the Parkside Community Association. Send completed form to Parkside Community Association, 2318 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14214.

Have you been on the PCA website lately? George Emery

Our newly revised website continues to expand and grow into an online community center, where neighbors gather to share information, ideas and concerns about living in Parkside. It is the place to learn of all the many things that the PCA does for you, your neighborhood and your city.

We have added a number of features over the past several months, including the ability to become a member or renew your membership online. We provide information about programs and events, committee activities, and membership resources. You now have the opportunity to volunteer online or provide comments on quality of life issues to the PCA. That said we still want it to be much more than that.

Additional features coming to the website will include an online calendar of events, photo galleries, topical discussion forums, and a government and census information center. There will be online event registration, block club resources and blogs, an archive of PCA documents, business and contractor directories.

The website will also provide online PCA merchandise, expanded email and newsletter capability, greater fundraising resources and the ability to log into the website to maintain your membership and interact with the PCA and your neighbors.

This is where you can help. We are always looking for more content and would welcome your participation. Do you have any pictures of the neighborhood or community activities that you're proud of? Would you like to see any additional events either on your block or in the neighborhood? Have an interest in reporting on behalf of the PCA? If you would like to write content for the website, have website development or graphic design experience, know a little bit about Drupal or CiviCRM, or just have an interest in photography, we could use your help.

If you are interested, please contact George Emery at <pca2318main@verizon.net>, or go to the website and click on the volunteer form. Thanks.

And don't forget to find us on Facebook.

www.parksidebuffalo.org



Local Heroes Abound

Now that we are finally done with winter and can turn towards greener pursuits, it's worth taking a moment to thank those dedicated neighbors that shoveled our sidewalks. You know the ones, who without being asked, took their snow-blowers just a bit further down the street than necessary. If you've ever had one of those mornings when, rushing out the door, you find your driveway or sidewalk already cleared, you know why Parkside can be such a great place to live. If you're lucky enough to know one of these good Samaritans, take some time to thank them for making our lives just that much easier.

Flint Hill Village News

Ruth Lampe

While the PCA looks to serve the interests of all Parkside residents, Flint Hill Village is dedicated to serving the particular needs of our local senior population.

In order to better meet this mission then, Flint Hill Village has joined the national "Village to Village" network, covering a number of community level efforts to help our elderly residents stay in their homes for as long as they are able. While we hope to be able to connect our members with any number of service providers that could help people enjoy staying in Parkside, we do not expect to become direct service providers ourselves. We're simply not built for that kind of expertise.

What FHV and the PCA can offer though, and what we excel at, is fostering connections among neighbors, and ensuring that our community takes care of those that might need just a little extra help. Direct service providers can address any number of physical or medical issues, but we're interested in first and foremost fostering a sense of belonging, a sense that active and engaged seniors are a necessary part of any successful neighborhood. FHV and the PCA will be offering a number of events and venues for our elderly or disabled members to take part in, to ensure that they continue to enjoy feeling connected to their neighbors and their neighborhood, and so that, if

they ever need help, there are those among us they can reach out to. Where other agencies are able to help arrange for transportation or meal delivery if necessary, seniors looking to stay in their homes may not know what services are available, or decline them until they are absolutely necessary, unless they are already tied into a network.

This approach is based loosely on a "Village" model of an Aging in Place program, the kind of which is being replicated nationwide. However this model is dependent upon a certain scale that typically is much larger than any one neighborhood. FHV therefore held a meeting on March 16 with representatives of our partners throughout North Buffalo to gauge interest in expanding this project into the greater North Buffalo area. By all accounts the idea received enthusiastic support, with a follow up meeting scheduled for April 11 to discuss implementation.

Lastly, we are sorry to report that our young VISTA worker, Alecia Zimmerman, has decided to accept a full time position with the Homeless Alliance. FHV and the PCA would like to thank her for her energy, expertise and efforts on behalf of the Parkside Neighborhood. She will be sorely missed. In her absence, we are currently searching for her replacement. Any interested applicants should contact the PCA office for more information.

Second Annual PCA Contractors Fair

Kevin Hays

Spring has sprung, and home improvement projects are on our minds. Attendees at the Annual Parkside Community Association Contractor's Fair on February 19th were able to get a head start and discuss upcoming and potential projects with contractors and maintenance companies.

All participating contractors have been employed and recommended by Parkside neighbors. The event raised funds for the PCA and connected homeowners with trusted contractors. In addition, curious neighbors were able to experience the culinary talents of the Elam Jewett Café, hear some Parkside history presented by Steve Cichon, how to update your home to prevent seniors from falling, and a variety of energy efficient home improvement ideas.

We also are pleased to announce Carmella Cordova as the winner of the 50/50 split. Thanks to everyone who attended, contributed and helped make this year's fair a terrific event. The PCA was able to raise almost \$900, allowing us to continue hosting this event, as well as expand its offerings in the years to come.



Two Parkside Residents Honored



Ruth Lampe and Alecia Zimmerman with awards

The Western Division of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) recognized Alecia Zimmerman and Ruth Lampe at their spring luncheon for their outstanding achievements. Alecia, our former coordinator for Flint Hill Village, received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Her professors described her as "an intelligent, articulate, creative and highly motivated student who often goes beyond what is expected of her." Ruth received their Public Citizen of the Year Award which "honors non-social workers who demonstrate commitment to the goals and values of the profession. Ruth exemplifies the best in social work practice." Please join us in offering our profound congratulations to these outstanding neighbors!

Annual PCA Spring Meeting set for May 16

On Monday May 16th, the Parkside Community Association will host our Spring Meeting at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd at the corner of Summit Avenue and Jewett Parkway. It will run from 7:00-9:00 and is open to all members of the PCA. Donna Fernandez, Executive Director of the Buffalo Zoo will be on hand to discuss proposed changes to the zoo entrance as well as some of their other initiatives. We'll also be voting on updates to our By-laws. This is your chance to take part in determining how your neighborhood organization works.

Movies In the Meadow Replay

The PCA is resurrecting "Movies in the Meadow" this summer. For a few evenings (dates TBD), we hope to show a family oriented film on an outdoor screen in Delaware Park – for free! The logistics are still in the works, but there are discussions of pairing up with other organizations to make this event fun for all ages. Please stay tuned as we confirm the dates and details.

Annual Appeal - Thank you Neighbors

Abdullah, Mohamed, Main Mini Market,
Amico, Marcello
Alks, Vitauts & Brigita
Anthony, Jack & Molly
Bateman, Derek
Bowler, Arthur
Arcudi, Bruno
Baker, Lois, Michael, Beebe
Baker, Norman & Sheila
Baker, Thomas & Roberta
Brady, Michael & Nancy
Bratton, Marietta
Braun, Father
Brooks, Carrie & Larry
Brown, Cynthia
Burns, Walter & Carol
Cichon, Monica & Steve
Cordova, Joseph & Carmella
Costello, Bilbo, Parkview Garden, Apartments
Cardina, Joseph
Costello, David
Cumming, Cindy
DeCarolis, Donna, Henrik, Borgstrom
Doherty, Carolyn
Duffy, Brian & Anne
Service, Elber's Landscape
Fiedler, Gertrude
Gerber, David, Carolyn, Korsmeyer
Gewirth, Dan & Nanette
Gracie, Matthew

Graham, Barbara
Granger, Carl & Eloise, ,
Greene, Tom
Hale, Helena
Haq, Kushnood & Katherine
LaFalce, John
Family, Lambert
Lampe, David & Ruth
Lee, Jeremy & Carolyn
Kempner, Darren
Knapp, Bill & Mary Claire, ,
Kopecky, Alexander
Kreinheder, Karen
Krull, Virginia
MacClennan, Paul & Patricia
Malejs, Vidis & Zinta
Mann, David, Jessica, Pirro
Margulis, Peter & Sue
McCorry, Tom & Mary Ann
McElroy, Brian
Meyers, Neil, Jenna, Gaske
Montgomery, Deanne & Nelson
Neubauer, Don & Hilde
Nitecki, Henry
O'Hara, Robert & Collen
Obenauer, Elizabeth
O'Sullivan, Michael & Mary
Pack, Sasha & Emilie
Peterson, Sybil
Peszko, Mark

Polowy, Patricia
Regensdorfer, Otto & Cathy
Riga, Frank & Jane
Riley MD, Thomas
Rodwin, Jonathan, Candace Lynn, Bell
Rohring, Tom & Sue
Ryan, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick
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PCA Offers Cabin Fever Cures Theresa Wagner

The PCA Members Only events have provided the organization an opportunity to unite and socialize with one another during our cold winter months. On February 12th we held the first event: Chili Cook-off. With 13 different pots of chili made by the neighborhood, members could sample recipes ranging from the dangerously hot, silky turkey chili, deceptively spicy white chili, and of course plenty of beef. The chili was judged on three categories: Best overall, People's Choice, and Most Creative. Crews from ladder 7 / engine 34 of The Buffalo Fire Department served as judges for Best Overall and chose Len Mattie's "3 Day Chili." People's Choice Award deadlocked at a tie between Ron Wagner's "Parkside Chili" and Eric Harvey's "Game Day Chili". Most Creative was awarded to Pat LaLonde's "5-A-Day-Chili" incorporating the 5 suggested servings of vegetables/day. We were thrilled to have Dash's Market, Gino's Bakery, and Mustachio's provide donations of bread, salads, and snacks. We look forward to having this event again next winter.

On March 26, the "Cure For Cabin Fever" series offered up our second event, the first annual Parkside Beer Tasting Night. On offer

were samples from Flying Bison Brewery and a homebrew from Ethan Cox, president of Community Beer Works. With pizza and soft pretzels (donated by Super Pretzels), our group was not only enjoying the beer samples - but were also well fed.

Both of these events were held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, to whom we are very grateful for the use of their space and support for all we do.



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and crocheters, over 4,000 people have completed this pattern, with almost 6,000 more having it on their to-do lists. It is a modern, stylish cardigan with cable work and a wonderful hood. Heather also designed the knitted version of the famous poncho that Martha Stewart worn when she was released from prison.

We are lucky to have Heather available in Buffalo for lessons and knitting help. She can be found at the Elmwood Yarn Shop on Hertel Avenue on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and on Thursdays and Fridays from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. She also will be signing copies of her new book on Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, at the yarn shop. All 150 designs in the book will be on display.

Congratulations, Heather, on such a major accomplishment! The Parkside neighborhood is very fortunate to have you practically around the corner,

Three Taps delivered tasty samples from Buffalo's Flying Bison Brewery

Ron, Rosanne and Theresa Wagner enjoy a Flying Bison Brewery beer sample treat with Adam Roma

EXCITING EVENTS AT FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S MARTIN HOUSE COMPLEX

OPEN *for* TOURS

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FOR THE LOVE OF BELLE : MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH and TOUR

Sunday, May 8 ■ Buffet Brunch: 10:30 AM in the Greatbatch Pavilion
Followed by in-depth tour 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM
\$50 for members ■ \$60 for non-members

TWILIGHT TOURS

Twilight sets the stage for drama at the Martin House Complex.
MAY 29 : 7:30 - 9 PM ■ JUNE 17 : 7:30 - 9 PM ■ JULY 1 : 7:30 - 9 PM ■ JULY 29 : 7 - 8:30 PM
AUGUST 19 : 7 - 8:30 PM ■ SEPTEMBER 2 : 6:30 - 8 PM ■ SEPTEMBER 16 : 6:30 - 8 PM
\$20 per person

ROYCROFT CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Annual intimate music event in our own neighborhood.
Thursday, June 9 at 7 PM ■ Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd ■ \$20 per person
Dessert and wine reception to follow in the Greatbatch Pavilion

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST and CONSTRUCTION TOUR

The Martin House: A Home Repair Project of Epic Proportions!
Sunday, June 19 ■ 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM ■ \$50 for members ■ \$60 for non-members

For reservations, visit www.darwinmartinhouse.org or call 856-3858.

Happiness coming to Parkside Ave. Sarah Roberts

Is happiness found in a cupcake? Why not ask the three co-owners of Fairy Cakes, the newest business to open in May on Parkside Avenue across from the zoo. They'll be offering their own take on cupcakes, beverages, and a lot of happiness to the neighborhood, zoo visitors, and on-line customers in a family-friendly environment. In the three years since Kelly Audette began baking the sweet treats using family recipes, she has delighted in creating original combinations of cake and frosting. Kelly is joined by Mo Torpey who left teaching for something more creative and hands-on. Mo will be a familiar smiling face to many who venture over to Parker-Hertel Sweets for an ice-cream cone or cookie. The third co-owner, Andrea Janetzke, is Kelly's sister. Andrea contributes business acumen to the creative endeavor. The three are thrilled to have a street presence to accompany their on-line business. The opening follows on the heels of praise after recently being asked to host a cupcake decorating event to coincide with a tea-party for Gracie, the Variety Club Telethon's child spokesperson, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.

The store plans to host cupcake-decorating parties as well. Fairy Cakes will provide a selection of six flavors for eat-in or take out in specially designed cupcake boxes. They have stood apart from typical cupcake fare with their 'bigger-than-standard' cupcakes, 'minis', and undecorated cakes (frosting and special adornments included!) available for pick up or home delivery in the Buffalo area. All of their goods are baked to perfection, using only all natural ingredients with special attention paid to allergy concerns. If you simply can't wait for their grand opening in May, you can find them at the downtown farmer's market on Thursdays this spring.

Fellow neighborhood taste-tester, Bronwen Battaglia, the staff at Sweetness-7, and I can attest to how delicious (and filling) the oversized delicacies are, from the 'brown sugar cake with chocolate chip cookie dough icing' to the classic 'vanilla on vanilla' combo. Fairy Cakes offers a premium product, something different than current offerings, whether you wish to grab an afternoon snack or simply share some happiness, please join us in welcoming another locally owned business to our walkable neighborhood.

Mo Torpey and Kelly Audette show off some of the taste delights in store for Parkside and the rest of Buffalo



PCA Calendar

May 16

Spring Meeting held at the
Church of the Good Shepherd

May 22

Tour of Homes - Starts at the
Church of the Good Shepherd

June 22

Garden Tour - 10 to 4 - Start at
the Church of the Good Shepherd
Also an **AV History Presentation**
and **Walking Tour** will be avail-
able to visitors

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ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE:(WORK) _____ **(HOME)** _____

PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE CONTACT ME ABOUT THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE(S):

- Budget & Finance Housing Special Events Flint Hill Village-Aging in Place
- Membership Block Club Home Tour Traffic Committee
- Technology/Website Newsletter Garden Tour

Please Select a Category

- \$15 Student/Senior (62 and over)
- \$25 Household
- \$30 Business
- \$40 Washington Russell
- \$50 William Sidney Wicks
- \$75 Frank Lloyd Wright
- \$100 Frederick Law Olmsted
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