



## Executive Director takes the helm of Parkside Community Association

BC Wagner



Executive Director, Ben Johnson

The Parkside Community Association spent several months searching for talented people who might take the lead as an Executive Director. The search committee worked diligently interviewing many people with impressive qualifications. After carefully narrowing the spate of candidates a decision was finally made by the Board of Directors and a Director was in place on December 1.

The Executive Director is Ben Johnson, a new Parksider shares a personal message by way of introduction:

“My family and I moved from Boston to Buffalo this summer and were instantly captivated with the Parkside neighborhood. From the neighbors we’ve met before the moving truck had left, to the joy of walking these tree lined streets each morning with our basset hound, we’ve been absolutely blown away with what we’ve found. Born and raised in Greenwich Village, I earned a degree in Architecture at the University of Virginia, followed by a Masters in Urban Planning at the University of Pennsylvania. For 10 years we lived in Boston where I developed affordable housing for the State and later City while my wife completed her PhD in Education at Boston College. She was recently offered a teaching position at the University of Buffalo, which brought us to the area. As the new Executive Director of the PCA I’m honored to be able to give back to the community that has already given us so much, and look forward to meeting so many more of our neighbors in the months and years to come.”

We welcome Ben to the ‘family’ of Parkside and wish him our heartfelt best.

## NEW MEMBER CHALLENGE

Ruth Lampe

2011 will be the PCA’s **48<sup>th</sup>** year of service to the neighborhood. My husband and I are issuing a challenge – we want to get **48** new members who will join at the \$50 membership level or above and we will add \$10.

I could give you **48** reasons to join the PCA, but I will concentrate on just one. The funding crisis in New York State has had a negative impact on our programming for children and for the neighborhood. We face a harsh reality: we must look to ourselves (not the government) to keep this organization alive and vibrant.

Be one of the first **48**. Send your membership in the enclosed envelope or go to the website and click on the Join PCA link at the top (and while you’re there go to the Volunteer link to sign up for an event/activity).

Mark your calendars! The PCA is hosting a free, members-only beer tasting event on **Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd**. Local breweries will be providing samples. Please keep an eye on PCA’s website for further details as they become available. Hope to see you there!

The **Parkside News** offers heartfelt thanks to **kavinoky COOK LLP**, attorneys at law, for a generous donation of \$1000 to keep the hard copy of this newsletter affordable for the time being. The PCA website will feature a PDF version of the newsletter but we realize that some Parkside residents do not fully use the internet and prefer a hard copy at hand.

## ANNUAL PARKSIDE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Parkside Community Association’s Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 18th, 6pm at St. Mark’s School Cafeteria. There will be a potluck dinner followed by an address from the new Pastor of St. Mark’s, Fr. Joseph Rogliano. The election of the Board of Directors will also take place at the meeting. Members should notify the PCA office as to what type of “dish” they are bringing to pass.

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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 billfold (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/>

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors (George Zornick 1955-2010)

Rich Wolf

Earlier this summer, George Zornick began painting his house with his sons. Always a family man, a runner, and an active community member, George was unable to continue the project as he was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer. Hospitalization and treatment prohibited him from finishing, although Daniel, his son, diligently attempted to continue with the plan by himself.

Neighbors, learning of George's illness, staged their own form of an Amish "barn raising". They demonstrated once again that Buffalo is still the city of good neighbors by coming together to complete the paint project. On Sunday, September 12th, 35 Parkside neighbors, young and old, came together armed with scrapers, paint brushes, and ladders. In just one day, the house was finished in beautiful yellow with green trim.

The cloudy, chilly day and word that George was in serious decline, did not dampen the spirit to finish this project for him. Neighbors worked long and conscientiously knowing that time was not on George's side and that their efforts mattered much to George.

The next time you drive down Parkside Avenue, look for the yellow house with green trim. There you will see a tribute marking the spot where people cared... about George, and about the neighborhood.



A Crew of dedicated Parksiders make short work of the Zornick Estates



Rich Wolf makes his brush sing and dance

## Parkside Neighbors Helping Neighbors: The Next Chapter

Steve Cichon

It's something that a number of us in the community have been talking about over a cup of coffee, a bottle of beer, or a glass of wine for years. There should be some sort of committee of able-bodied folks willing to put in a few hours to help a neighbor in need for whatever reason.

Many of us, without even blinking, are easily able to mow the lawn or shovel the walk for an elderly or sick neighbor, but what to do when her front steps start to sag or the place needs a little paint? It's a bit more difficult to undertake such an effort by oneself, or even with a friend or two.

A number of us who've had these conversations over the years here in Parkside were awash with a mix of emotions as we gathered to help our friend George Zornick in this way. George was the sort of guy who would very quietly always be there to lend a hand in the sort of project that saw his house painted by a couple dozen close friends, neighbors and perfect strangers.

To honor George and his memory, we're forming a committee with the idea of helping our Parkside neighbors who might not be able to help themselves. We certainly won't be able to do it all, but we hope to make a difference here in our own neighborhood.

If you know someone who might need a little help with an exterior handyman type project, please let us know. If you wish to be included on our list of potential helpers, let us know as well. Contact Steve Cichon by e-mail at [sjcichon@aol.com](mailto:sjcichon@aol.com) or call 837-1616.



Renee Lalonde and Steve Cichon do 'prime' work

# 2011 Incumbent and Prospective Board Of Directors Biographies

**Nancy Abramo** is a broadcasting veteran of nearly 25 years, having held positions with Adelphia Cable, WKBW TV, WIVB-TV, and FOX Television. Her current position is in Corporate Development for Western New York Public Broadcasting (WNED-TV/AM/FM), to secure funding from businesses in Buffalo and Southern Ontario. She is a Buffalo native with her BA in Journalism from Buffalo State College. She is the recipient of numerous Sales and Marketing awards and continues to support cultural organizations such as The Darwin Martin House, Burchfield Penney, Albright Knox, Shea's Performing Arts and the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. She is also a supporter of the P2 Collaborative and WNED's event manager for their annual health conference; a group of health care professionals dedicated to improving people's health in Western New York. Nancy and her husband of 21 years, Len Mattie, live on Summit Avenue with their red male Tabby cat, Pooh. She enjoys classical music, gardening, and socializing with the Parkside neighbors at the Wednesday night WOW's.

**Michael Ahern** is a life long city resident currently living on Crescent Avenue. He has been a Buffalo Police Officer since 1988. A lieutenant since 1993, he mainly worked as supervisor of city wide gang squads that focused on eradicating gangs and guns from the streets. Michael is interested in keeping the Parkside neighborhood safe, vital, and friendly. He wants to use his experience, gained from working with many Buffalo neighborhood groups, to help Parkside remain one of Buffalo's great neighborhoods. His interests include bicycling, gardening, and reading. Michael is currently chair of the Crime and Safety committee.

**Janice Barber** of 139 Woodward Avenue has lived in Parkside for 25 years and has served as president, vice president, secretary and a director for the Parkside Community Association since 1997. She has served as a member of the Search committee for Executive Director of the PCA, worked at the Home Tour and Garden Tour, and has previously served on the bylaws, strategic planning, and history and tour committees of the PCA. She was the first chair of the successful, grassroots Committee to Keep the Zoo in Delaware Park. She is a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Parkside. A native of Buffalo, she is an attorney with the Buffalo office of Brown & Tarantino, LLC and is an adjunct faculty member at the SUNY/UB law school.

**Candace Lynn Bell** is running for President of the PCA. She has lived at 91 Jewett Parkway for the last twelve years and has undertaken historic restoration of the home during that time (and is still in the process!). Candace is committed to Parkside remaining a vital historic neighborhood with a distinctive identity in the Western New York community. She is committed to promoting Parkside's diversity, history, community and quality of life. She hopes to continue to serve Parkside during the upcoming year.

**Monica Cichon** and her husband Steve became Parkside homeowners on Valentines Day 2000, and quickly fell in love with the neighborhood. They continue to renovate and restore their 1909 EB Green designed American Four Square, and will likely continue to do so in perpetuity. Monica has been on the PCA Board of Directors for 6 years. She is currently Treasurer and is involved with the Home Tour, Finance Committee, Search Committee, Nominating Committee, and does all publicity for the PCA. She works for KeyBank as a District Operations Manager and oversees 22 branches in WNY. Monica is running for Secretary of the Parkside Community Association in 2011.

**George Emery** has been a Parkside resident since 1997. He is currently employed as Digital Services

Librarian at Canisius College. George is Chair of the North Buffalo Library Planning Committee. He is working on developing the PCA website using the Drupal content management system with a focus on expanding communication, information and membership.

**Jerry Gallagher** and his wife Rita moved to Parkside 13 years ago and joined the PCA soon after. He worked as a Speech Pathologist in the Amherst Central Schools and retired in 2005. Much of his time since retiring has been spent restoring and renovating "this old house." Jerry and his wife previously lived in Allentown and in the late 80's and early 90's were very active in the renaissance of Day's Park. He was a past Vice President and served on several committees of the Days Park Block Club. During that time they saw the neighborhood improve, and it was truly a gratifying experience. They support many of Buffalo's cultural and community organizations. Jerry has held several offices, including Co-President of the Speech and Hearing Association of Western New York.

**Eric Harvey** is the leader of the Vernon Triangle, where he lives with his wife Jennifer and his two children, Alex and Sydney. He has lived in the Parkside neighborhood for 15 years and has been a homeowner for 9 of those years. Eric has been on the Parkside Board of Directors for a year now where he is chairperson of the Personnel and Executive Search Committees. When he is not involved with the neighborhood, he is the Secretary of the St. Marks Holy Name Society, and an Assistant Scout Master for Troop 42 (also with St. Marks). In the summer, you will find him at Shoshone Park where he is an assistant baseball coach for two teams. In between his volunteer hours, Eric is a driver for UPS.

**Pat Lalonde** has lived in Parkside on Summit Avenue for 26 years. Bicycling in the neighborhood in 1983 with her late husband Art, they noticed many Parkside residents working on their houses and gardens. It was apparent, that the residents took pride in their neighborhood which made them decide to move to Parkside. The spirit of friendship, caring and generosity kept her in Parkside all these years and she'd like to keep that spirit alive for future generations. Pat lives with Niles, her shetland sheepdog. Currently, her daughter Renee and son-in-law Austin are also living with her while they renovate the house they just purchased on Crescent Avenue. Pat is thrilled that her daughter moved back to Buffalo from Florida and that Parkside was the area that her daughter and son-in-law chose. She is an accountant, currently working at Aspire of WNY and is a parishioner at the Church of the Good Shepherd where she attempts to sing in the choir and has previously served as their Treasurer and as a Vestry member.

**Ruth Lampe** and her husband have lived in their Crescent Avenue home since 1970. They are passionate PCA fans! Ruth has been on the Board of Directors for many years having served two different stints as President. She is currently Membership chair, a member of the Traffic Committee, and on the Flint Hill Village Steering Committee.

**Christopher Lavey** moved into the Parkside neighborhood on Woodward Avenue in 1997. He worked for MJ Peterson Real Estate as an Associate Broker and owns and operates The Parkside House Bed & Breakfast with his partner Johnny Mora. Having had his home on the Home Tour and Garden Tour, he decided to be a Board of Director in 2010. Chris co-chaired the 2010 Home Tour with Bonnie Weinberger and plans on doing it again in 2011. His goal has always been to improve our beautiful neighborhood and keep it a safe place to call home.

**David Mann** has been a Parkside resident since 2000 and is seeking a second term on the Board of Directors. He is a member of the Crime and Safety committee and is committed to the best quality of life for the Parkside area. He has been a member of the Buffalo Police Department for 23 years, and the Lieutenant in charge of the Buffalo Police Department's Sex Offense Section since 1995. He is a past Chair of the Multidisciplinary Coordinating Council and the Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence and a past board member for Prevent Child Abuse New York. In addition, he is a founding member of Erie County's Child Fatality Review Team, and of the Family Justice Center, and currently serves on the board for the It Happened to Alexa Foundation.

**Jessica Pirro** has lived in the Parkside Area since 1998. She is running for Treasurer of the Parkside Community Association. She is Associate Director of Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service, Inc. and brings her expertise in non profit management to her role as a PCA finance committee member. She oversees all clinical operations of the agency's 4 programs that provide numerous services to those in crisis 24 hours a day. Ms. Pirro has been involved in various community coalitions to address the response to family violence and sexual assault. She served as the Secretary from 1999-2000 and Chair from 2000-2002 of the Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence. She was instrumental in the implementation and development of the Erie County Justice Center and served on its Advisory Committee. She was a member of the Board of Directors for the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault from 2003-2009 serving as Board Secretary for 2 years and then Board President for 4 years.

**Michael Riester**, a third generation Parksider, has served as PCA President, Vice President, Treasurer, and co-chair of Garden Tour and Home Tour. Currently he serves as Secretary, chair of the Century Plaque and 1812 Bi-Centennial Committees. He regularly contributes articles for the PCA newsletter. Michael is an archivist and parish council member at St. Louis Church. A licensed social worker, he works for the Unified Court System and is adjunct therapist at AIDS Family Services. Michael is running for Vice President of the PCA.

**Adam Roma** has lived in the Parkside community for about a year and a half now. He graduated with his BA in Business Administration with a minor in Marketing from Fredonia State University in 2008. His career as a logistics manager for the AJ Baynes Group has provided him with experience to coordinate transportation of goods and ensure quality service for various national companies. He is actively involved within his community as a member of the logistics committee for Taste of Buffalo, a member of the Traffic Committee for PCA, and a coach for Special Olympics floor hockey. Adam plans on raising his own family in this neighborhood, therefore he is committed to help make the Parkside neighborhood remain a historical, friendly, and tight-knit community and improve where necessary.

**George Stock** has resided in Parkside since 1983 with his wife Maria Mozzetti-Stock. Shortly after he moved here he joined the History and Tour Committee of the PCA. He still serves in a variety of ways on that committee. George leads two hour walking tours of Parkside the second Saturday of each month from May through October. He has been an active Board member since 1988. He has also served as the Vice-President and President. Presently George is the PCA Board representative to the Martin House Restoration Corporation Board and is the chair of the NYS Main Street grant initiative.



## 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.

**Dr. Albert Titus** is an Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University at Buffalo. He is originally from Sauquoit, NY and attended UB for his BS and MS degrees. Subsequently he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology where he earned his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering with a minor in Mathematics. He then took a position at the Rochester Institute of Technology where he was an Assistant Professor in Electrical Engineering. He lived in Batavia, NY in order to split the commute with his wife. While in Batavia, he served on the Historic Preservation Commission in the City of Batavia (2001-2003). He later took a position at UB in Electrical Engineering and he and his family moved to Buffalo. Albert and his wife, Dr. Ann M. Bisantz, purchased their current house on Tillinghast Place in 2002, where they now reside with their daughter Sara. Albert has been serving as a member of the Parkside Community Association Traffic Committee for three years. The decision to move into the city of Buffalo was not a difficult one, as he and his wife prefer older homes and established walkable neighborhoods. While in graduate school at Georgia Tech, Albert lived in suburban Atlanta, which provided him with firsthand knowledge of what it was like to inhabit a "community-less" region. The greatest asset of the Parkside neighborhood, and indeed much of Buffalo, is that it has evolved to meet the needs of the people as a whole, as a community.

**Susan Udin** has been a Parkside resident, along with her husband, since 1980. They moved to this neighborhood because of the convenient location (close to downtown and to her work as a professor at the UB South Campus), the beautiful homes, and the proximity to Delaware Park. They have stayed because of all those reasons, but also because they've learned what a great place it's been to raise children and because of the wonderful people. Susan would be honored to continue as a member of the PCA Board and especially to continue her work with the Flint Hill Village committee to enable seniors and the disabled to live safely and happily in Parkside. They've begun to get this program off the ground in the past year, and she will help to develop programs and broaden the number of participants, and to find ways to help ensure the long-term continuation of the program.

**Bernie Wagner's** family of 5 bought their house in '72 to provide some elbow room for all. When the family expanded to 7 members, everyone still enjoyed their

own bedrooms. The Wagners have done 2 major kitchen remodelings and house additions as well as some smart quality of life updates. Their Woodward Ave. block has a great mix of people many of whom have become great friends. It is delightful to walk the streets of Parkside and be able to greet many residents by their first names. That is the nature of our neighborhood. The connections are also a part of belonging to the Parkside Community Association. If you are not a member please consider joining the 'family' of Parkside and enjoy the benefits of membership.

**Bonnie Weinberger** and her husband Marty have lived on Woodward Avenue since 1981. Born and raised in East Aurora, she was skeptical about living in 'the big city', but was pleasantly surprised that the neighborhood and friendly residents were very similar to East Aurora! Her busy and long-time career as a Project Manager for HSBC Bank prevented her from making an active volunteer commitment to Parkside. Now that she is retired (well, almost!), she is ready to become more involved in PCA activities and would consider it an honor to represent the community on the PCA Board of Directors. Bonnie's 'pre-training' included co-chairing with Chris Lavey, the 2010 PCA Home Tour and plan to give it another try in 2011. Showing her home in the 2010 home tour reinforced for her how fortunate she is to live in her big old house in this wonderful neighborhood!

**Tom Ziobro** purchased a home in Parkside over 10 years ago to provide for the live-in care of his aging parents. Since then, he has taken a keen interest in the neighborhood as a Board member of the PCA. He is a huge fan of Parkside and is concerned for its continued well-being. Tom is an electronics engineer by profession – open-minded, analytical and independent by nature. As an incumbent member of the PCA board – he listens, remarks, questions and evaluates all aspects of neighborhood issues. Tom looks forward in 2011 to continuing to chair the Building and Technology committees as well as adding his proverbial 2 cents to the PCA Financial committee meetings. In addition, he always looks for cheerful and motivated volunteers to help eradicate graffiti in Parkside. If you see Tom walking the streets, feel free to talk to him and tell him what's on your mind.

## Housing Committee News & Events

Kevin Hays

**Contractor Fair** - We are hosting a second Parkside Contractor's Fair this February. We're looking to make it bigger and better! Plan on coming in February to meet contractors to get tips, quotes and ideas for your next home improvement project. Keep your eyes on the website for more details on this and a committee page.

**Contractor Directory** - The PCA office maintains a contractor directory: a resource for you to research contact information, insurances and testimonials for a wide variety of contractor services. The Housing Committee is currently updating this directory to provide the most current and relevant information for you. If you have any contractors you have worked with recently and would like to recommend please contact the Housing Committee at: [pcahousingchair@gmail.com](mailto:pcahousingchair@gmail.com)

**Damaged Sidewalks?** - The Housing Committee is taking inventory of damaged sidewalks in the neighborhood. We're keeping track of any problem areas to coordinate with the City on their next construction season. If you know of a problem sidewalk please contact us.

Did you know as a homeowner you need permits for your home improvement project? Protect yourself. Make sure your contractor provides proof of insurance, City licensing, and permits! If you're unsure of what to look for. We can help.

View our website:

[www.parksidebuffalo.org](http://www.parksidebuffalo.org)

Parkside played a significant role in the War of 1812. Flint Hill, as the area was then known, was the site of two famous encampments during the conflict. One of the nation's largest 1812 burial sites is still located in the meadow of Delaware Park. It was from Parkside that Gen. Winfield Scott bravely led his troops down Scajaquada Creek to cross the Niagara River and invade Canada. Yes, national and international history happened here! In 2012 we have the possibility of focusing national and international attention on Parkside.

### Funding

First, the bad news. Numerous stories and editorials have recently appeared in the Buffalo News outlining the veto of the State Assembly of meaningful funding of programs to celebrate the upcoming 1812 bicentennial, dimming the prospects for any organized large-scale event. Although the Niagara Frontier is perhaps the most active site of the 1812 conflict, State lawmakers have decided not to put any resources into attracting tourists to our region. Instead, Federal money has been allocated to Baltimore, MD where Francis Scott Key composed the Star-Spangled Banner".

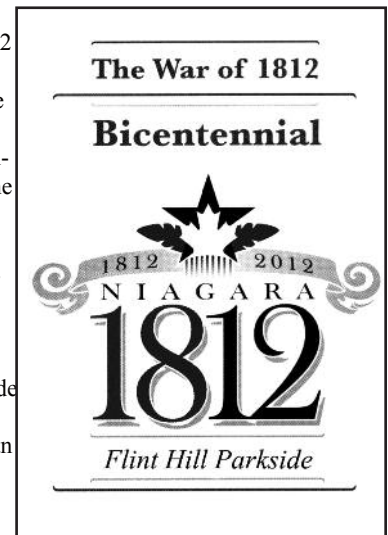
### Canada takes the Lead

Now the good news. Our Canadian neighbors through the Binational Niagara Bicentennial of the War of 1812 Legacy Council has received the support of their Provincial government to fund a calendar year of cultural and sporting events which will highlight the achievements of their nation and the two hundred years of peace between Canada and the United States.

The Binational Legacy Council is organizing peace gardens throughout the Niagara region as well as publishing a beautiful glossy map indicating 1812 sites on both sides of the river including Parkside (Flint Hill). The Council also has an informative first class web site at [www. Discover 1812.com](http://www.Discover1812.com).

### PCA's Efforts

The PCA has been involved from the very beginning in the Binational Legacy Council. PCA representatives have been present at meetings in Niagara on the Lake and Ridgeway. The Binational Legacy Council generously gave permission to the PCA to adapt the official bicentennial logo for our Bicentennial events. The PCA has also been involved from the very beginning in a local grassroots effort, the Erie County Planning Committee. The Committee is currently supporting efforts to place historic markers in the West Side and Black Rock. Recently, the committee succeeded in placing a historic marker at the site of the St. John House on Main Street in downtown. Although space was offered at our 2318 Main Street location to set up an 1812 Information Center for tourists, this idea was not met with much enthusiasm at the County level.



### The Challenge

In light of no financial resources, a neighborhood Bicentennial event must originate from Parksiders themselves with no reliance on our local or state government. The question remains "Can we rise to the occasion?" There have been a few ideas kicked around. These ideas could be achieved with minimal financial resources. The first idea is to commemorate the two hundred years of peace between the US and Canada with a service at the burial mound in Delaware Park or at the Flint Hill Marker at Main and Humboldt. Other ideas include giving the annual Garden Walk, Home Tour and popular monthly History and Architectural Walking Tours a Bicentennial theme in 2012. Another idea would be to encourage residents to display the American flag during the summer of 2012 to give a patriotic feel to the neighborhood. Steve Cichon and I have met with Patrick Kavanaugh, a local historian and volunteer at Forest Lawn Cemetery, to draft plans for an 1812 bus tour. Kavanaugh also hopes we will co-sponsor an event in Forest Lawn.

The bottom line is that the PCA needs to hear from you in order to proceed with any plans. We have a great opportunity to showcase our neighborhood as a historic 1812 Site. If you are interested, please call the PCA office and inquire about how you might be able to help.

## Sweetness\_7 Café adds a taste delight to Parkside

Monica Cichon

The Parkside neighborhood has a new business! Sweetness\_7 Café opened its doors on October 7th. This neighborhood coffee house is located at the corner of Parkside and Russell, across from the Buffalo Zoo entrance. What can you expect when you walk in the door? The interior is very colorful and homey, with original and reused wood. Prish Moran, the owner, wants the café to be a community space, a neighborhood coffee house and creperie. Speaking from experience, the coffee is delicious and the crepes are to die for. There are also a variety of pastries available. If you haven't visited Sweetness\_7 yet, I highly suggest you do. You won't be disappointed. It's nice to have a coffee house you can walk to and socialize with your neighbors. Sweetness\_7 Café is open 7 days a week from 7 am to 6 pm. Stop in and thank Prish for bringing Sweetness\_7 to Parkside!



Staffers Alecia Hall and Ben Silkes pose with Prish Moran, Owner

## Shop "Wright"

Here in Parkside!

The Wisteria Shop at the Martin House Complex offers unique Wright-inspired gifts from neck ties and scarves to a Tree of Life throw to keep you warm this winter! PCA members will enjoy a 10% discount on all purchases at the Wisteria Shop from December 5 - 31. Simply present your membership card to receive this discount! Wisteria Shop hours in December are Monday - Friday from 11 AM - 4 PM, Saturday from 11 AM - 3 PM and Sunday from 1 - 3 PM.

**\$15 Senior/Student**

Akcakal, Janet  
 Alfieri, Dennis  
 Amico, Marcella  
 Baran, Jeanine  
 Blackford, Karen  
 Brown, Cynthia  
 Cardina, Joseph  
 Chambers, Roger  
 Conners, Mary Louise  
 Danahy, Elizabeth  
 Dagonese, Thomas & Eileen  
 Dellinger, Alice O'Brian  
 DiPasquale, Julia  
 Donovan, Jeanette  
 Doherty, Francis & Carolyn  
 Evanco, Emma  
 Faller, Marion  
 Fiedler, Gertrude  
 Flett, Ann  
 Fox-Hahn, Deborah  
 George, Patrick & Lourice  
 Giles, Mary  
 Goulding, Mary  
 Graham, Barbara  
 Greenaway, Diane  
 Greenman, Robert  
 Griffin, Mary  
 Herndon, Edward & Jean  
 Hogg-Chapman, Cheryl  
 Kelley, Emma Louise  
 Knight, Gloria  
 Kreinheder, Karen  
 Kucharski, Gerald & Rosemary  
 Kudins, Maria  
 LaForest, Suzanne  
 Lien, Dorothy  
 Maxwell, Jeanne  
 McCoy, Romaria  
 Mitchell, Mrs. Thomas  
 Miyares-Nunez, Carmen  
 Morrell, Ernestine  
 Murrett, Mary  
 Neidrauer, Sue  
 Nitecki, Henry  
 Nitecki, Henry  
 Orazi, Carmela  
 Pierce, Carolyn  
 Reilly, Mary  
 Reslow, Marion  
 Ross, Charlie & Vernell  
 Rydzik, James & teresa Maduri  
 Sapienza, Violetta  
 Schwab, Mary Alice  
 Signorino, Sarah  
 Sisters of St Joseph  
 Stokes, Carol  
 Stoklosa, John  
 Taglis, George  
 Toth, Maureen  
 Vaux, Helen  
 Wagner, Theresa & Adam Roma  
 Ziobro, Leona  
 Zorn, Ann

**\$25 Household**

Adamczyk, Laurence  
 Albert, Jim & Amy  
 Allen, William & Karen  
 Asrat, Tereffe & Lois Weis  
 Ball, Christine & Corey Wiktor  
 Bartek, Meredith & Dwight Grandolph  
 Bassett, William  
 Baugh, Florence  
 Bellavia, Carl  
 Bertram, Dennis & Peggy  
 Bladin, James & Jane  
 Boger, George & Janice  
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Boni, Kathleen  
 Bono, James & Barbara  
 Borowiec, Patricia  
 Bova, Murphy & Anthony  
 Boyd, Jr, Donald & Winifred  
 Bradley, Noel & Rachel Bradley  
 Brady, Kevin & Helen  
 Brady, Mary Louise  
 Bratton, Stan & Marietta  
 Briggs, Thomas & Jenna  
 Brooks, Lawrence & Carolyn  
 Brunette, Vicky-Marie  
 Burmeier, Tim & Clare  
 Burns, Irma & Michael Sullivan  
 Buscaglia, Vincent & Lawrence Brose  
 Bynes, Theodora  
 Cadzow, Daniel & Renee  
 Cahn, Susan & Tandy Hamilton  
 Carlino, John & Larry Leaven  
 Charnock, Christian & Katherine  
 Chmielnicki, Richard & Sharon  
 Clay, Antoinette  
 Cook, Nadine & Joseph Randazzo  
 Coppola, Leonard & Patti  
 Corrigan, Peter & Teresa  
 Costantino, Karen  
 Crowley, Paul  
 Daley, James & Mary  
 Danahay, Martin & Deborah Reed-  
 Davis, Antoine  
 Deiboldt, Robert & Allison Smythe  
 Delius, Karen  
 DeLuca, Michael & Theresa  
 Deganis-Librera Family  
 Dial, John & Catherine  
 Diaz-Ordaz, Ernesto & Carolyn  
 Dobosiewicz, Edward & Charlotte  
 Dolan, Tom & Marion  
 Duchan, Alan & Judith  
 Duggan, Anthony & Sheila  
 Ebel, Don & Dorrinne  
 Eckert, Edward  
 Emerling, Peter  
 Erion, Gerald & Bridget Palmer  
 Farrell, Simon & Jennifer Demert  
 Fitzpatrick, David & Cathy  
 Flavin, Sheila & Jim Morrissey  
 Forgette, Craig & Efrat  
 Fox, Christopher & Elea  
 Freedman, Heidi  
 Frisch, Michael & Jo Freudenheim  
 Furnari, Tricia & Deanne Pericak  
 Garcea, Kathleen & Kathleen Galbraith  
 Garcia, Jeremy  
 Gervase Family  
 Gilbert, Richard & Kathleen  
 Giles, Etta  
 Gill, Steven & Ilaria Scaglia  
 Gilman, Richard & Susan  
 Glenn, Sister Gail  
 Gold, Jennifer  
 Gottfried, Peter & Charlene  
 Grabiner, Gene & Virginia  
 Gracie, Matthew & Suzanne  
 Granger, Carl & Eloise  
 Gray, Susannah  
 Greene, Thomas  
 Griggs, Walter & Lena  
 Grundy, David & Judy  
 Gugler, Andrew & Sarah Heine  
 Hallmark, Marybeth  
 Halt, Sean & Maria  
 Hamels, John & Sara  
 Hanson, Jody & Mark McLoughlin  
 Harasymyn, Stefan & Haley  
 Harde, William & Kathleen Walter  
 Hardoby, Richard & Gay & Marjorie  
 Keeler  
 Hays, Kevin & Hilary Osuch  
 Herr, Lee & Melissa  
 Hibbard, Ted & Rosemary

Hites, William & Dru  
 Hobler, Todd & Tammie  
 Huber, Kate & Nicole Marabella  
 Hunt, Jana & Lloyd  
 Jakubowski, Ed & Edna  
 Johnson, Jamie  
 Johnston, William  
 Kaiser, Reuben & Mary Ellen  
 Shaughnessy  
 Kattermann, Neil & Pam  
 Kearns, Michelle  
 Keefe, Thomas & Kathleen  
 Kelley, Ray & Kristen  
 Kelly, Cydney  
 Kelly, Terrie & Suzanne Gallagher  
 Kempner, Darren  
 Kiefer, Andrew & Chrystalle  
 King, Michael & Tracy Rosenhahn  
 Kleeh, Adam & Katherine  
 Klemann, Peter & Janet  
 Kohane, Daniel  
 Kontos, Mary & Tim Max  
 Kowalski, John & Rosina  
 Kriegler, Daniel  
 Krull, Virginia  
 Krygier, Ted & Felicia  
 Lambert, Thomas & Andrea  
 Land, Cleophan  
 Lang, Thomas & Patricia  
 Langlotz, Keith & Shawndra  
 Latt, Don  
 Leahy, John & Dolores  
 Leahy, John & Lise  
 Lee, Donald & Desiree  
 Lee, Terry & Denise  
 Learman, Donald & Leslie  
 Lehman, Lawrence & Daisy  
 Li, Yang  
 Lochtefeld-Sirianni, Catherine  
 Lodinsky, Greg & Heather  
 Loveria, Garrick & Wendy Brehm  
 Ludwig, Phyllis  
 Lyons, Charles & Christina  
 Madyun, Duane  
 Mandzyk, Roma & Scott Valkwitch  
 Manly, Kenneth & Frances  
 Manuele, Frank & Zdenka  
 Marinelli, Hon. Lynn  
 Markle, Ryan & Ti  
 Martin, Dan & Kristen  
 Martynkiewicz, Elaine  
 Maynard, James & Lauren  
 McClusky, Marth & Carl Nightingale  
 McGavern, Dottie  
 McGoldrick, James & Rita  
 Mcintyre, Philip & Nancy  
 McKee, David, Sharon & Amy  
 McKeon, Donald & Rebecca  
 McMorrow, Tim & Lisa LaSpisa  
 Mead, Jr, Gerald  
 Mellenthien, Tonya  
 Metz, Don & Camille  
 Morrisey, Kathleen  
 Mudra, Thomas  
 Mullen, Wayne, Carol, Timothy  
 Muto, Tyler & Jesslyn  
 Meyers, Neil & Jenna Gaske  
 Nagro, Joseph & Sandra  
 Nelson, Gene & Ellen  
 Neubauer, Don & Hilde  
 Nicolatos, Betty & Dia  
 Norton, Victor & Marjorie  
 Pack, Sasha & Emilie  
 Palau, John & Karen  
 Panepinto, John & Amberly  
 Panzarella, Vincent & Cheryl  
 Papagni, Nicholas & Marigrace  
 Peakes, LaVerne  
 Penchaszadeh, Nicolas & Sarah Robert  
 Peterson, Ray & Marie

Pfalzer, Joan  
 Pietrzak, Joe & Chris  
 Pitek, Michael & Catherine  
 Pomietlarz, Justin & Kristen  
 O'Donnell, Joseph & Gretchen  
 O'Herron, Brian & Mary  
 Ohlson, John & Carolyn  
 O'Rourke, Dooley  
 Otto, Elizabeth & Tobias Westermann  
 Plant, Alfred & Petra  
 Pollutro, Marilyn  
 Purpura, Joyce  
 Rabideau, Alan & Rebecca  
 Rao, Steve & Laura  
 Ravenell, Veronica  
 Regensdorfer, Otto & Cathy  
 Rich, Randall & Saxony  
 Richert, Mary & John Flaherty  
 Riester, Michael & David Hebert  
 Riga, Frank & Jane  
 Rittling, Richard & Lauren  
 Rivers, Steve & Rita  
 Rogalski, David & Jessica  
 Roy, Mark & Kellie  
 Rundberg, Shirley  
 Ruszczky, Peter & Beth  
 Russell, James & Patricia  
 Russin, Maria  
 Ryder, Bonny  
 Saracino, Stephen & Eileen  
 Schneider, Joseph & Laurel  
 Schroeder, Mel & Adelaide  
 Schwartz, William & Andra  
 Zubkous, Mitchell Bæhre  
 Shiffner, Jamie & Cathy Carter  
 Sidell, Louis & Maggie  
 Simmons, Sara  
 Sisters of St Joseph (Sister Joan  
 Carroll)  
 Sisters of St Joseph ( Sister Jean Marie  
 Zirnheld)  
 Sisters of Social Service  
 Slingerland, Jamie & Ruth  
 Skillaci, Theresa  
 Skipper, Jessica  
 Skrill, Leonard & Sharon Murphy  
 Smith, Michael  
 Spaulding, Mary Jean  
 Spittler, Kevin & Mary Elaine  
 Sroka, Rosemarie & Nancy Jones  
 Stephens, Hugh & Susan  
 Stalikas, Stephen & Heidi  
 Summers, Dan & Beth  
 Summers, Robert & Sheila  
 Szymanski, Daniel  
 Tobin, Kathleen & Robin Muir  
 Townsend, Margaret  
 Trautman, Mark  
 Unher, Morris & Norma  
 Vanini, Tim  
 Vargas, Margarita  
 Verni, Dominic & Christine  
 Verso, Jim & Kathy  
 vonArx, Susan & Melissa Babiarz  
 Wack, David & Elyse  
 Waddell, Robert & Marjorie  
 Wager, Arthur & Sheila  
 Wagner, Deborah  
 Wagner, Ronald & Roseanne  
 Wakshull, Nancy & Candido Leon  
 Walker, Gordon & Elaine  
 Wasmund, James & Anne  
 Wells, Ken & Phyllis  
 Whipple, Marth  
 Williams, Jan & Diane  
 Witschard, Gilbert & Rosemary  
 Woollatt, David & Kimberly Reynolds  
 Wyatt, Ellen & Andrew Wyatt  
 Zaffram, Robert & Helen  
 Zannie, Joan  
 Ziegler, Karin & Ron Smith  
 Zimmerman, Michael & Alecia  
 Zornick Family



**\$30 Business**

Bible Society of WNY  
Burgio's TV, Paul Burgio  
Buffalo Cooperative FCU  
Central Park Homeowners Assoc  
Eagle Ridge Kennels  
Elbers Landscaping  
Galvin Painting  
Glass Roots  
Karen Fick Design, Inc  
Main Fillmore Liquor - Dadon Land  
Monsignor Carr Institute of Catholic Charities  
Radice, Neal, Klub Karaoke  
Rohring, Tom & Sue  
Saint Mary's School for the Deaf  
Sisters Hospital Foundation  
Titus, Albert & Ann Bisantz  
Vandercher & Dick Funeral Home  
WNY Home Pros - Ron Steffan  
Ziobro, Tom

Lauerman, David & Kathleen  
Luba, Glenn  
Maldovan, William & Melissa  
McCausland, Bruce & Kerry Perese  
Milliner, Robert  
Peszko, Mark & David Schoop  
Peterson, Sybil  
Pikus, Michael & Patricia  
Pomerantz, Aaron & Margaret Braun  
Shepherd, Daniel & Gail  
Steinwald, David, Ann & Scott  
Stratton, Richard  
Umland, Tim & Carleen Pope  
Wagner, Bernhard & Eileen  
Whiting, Wendy  
Wilson, Howard & Beth  
Young, Augustine & Deborah  
Zanolli, Paul & Valerie Anderson

**\$50 William Sidney Wicks**

Ahern, Michael & Amy McCarthy  
Allen, James & Kristin  
Barends, Robert & James Rusk  
Borgstrom, Henrik & Donna Decarolis  
Cady, David & Barbara  
Celniker, Philip & Joyce  
Cichon, Steve & Monica  
Didomenico, Michael & Heather  
Efron, Arthur & Ruth Kirstein  
Friona, Michael & Michelle Weinstein  
Fry, D.  
Gleba, Gary & Bethann Levin  
Hall, Justin & Laura  
Kieffer, Richard & Verna  
Kirby, Bruce  
Kline, Richard & William Bailey  
Larrabee, William & Elizabeth  
Lee, Jeremy & Carolyn  
Maglietto, Pam & Rich Powers  
Mattie, Len & Nancy Abramo  
Meyer, Ken & JoAnn  
Michaels, John & Roberta  
Pasternak, Lorraine & Joseph Petrino  
Piokowski, Jim & Sue  
Ruffino, Renee & Sherri Darrow  
Sacheli, Frank & Pauline

Thompson, Richard & Jaquelyn  
Wylegala, Juli  
Zaffram, Robert & Helen  
Zionts, Michael & Leiza  
Zyglis, Adam & Jessica

**\$75 Frank Lloyd Wright**

Alks, Vitauts & Brigita  
Amaker, Darel & Marlene  
Atkinson, Dennis  
Baker, Thomas & Roberta  
Burnett, George & Christina  
Doerr, JoAnn  
Farber, Andrew & Holly Franz  
LoCurto, Michael  
Maxwell, Russell  
McCorry, Tom & Maryann  
Peterson, Lorna  
Ryan, Patrick & Bridget Sullivan  
Stone, Elizabeth & Carol Schultz  
Stratton, Richard  
Taulbee, April, Valerie Hall & Marilyn Wall  
Wylegala, Susan & Mario Byrd  
Zimmerman, Elizabeth

**\$100 Frederick Law Olmsted**

Anthony, Jack & Molly  
Baker, Lois & Michael Beebe  
Bixby, Bryce & Jennifer Goetz-Bixby  
Bonk, Gregory & Patrick Monfort  
Clutterbuck, Donald & Elaine  
Evans, Willie & Roberta  
Eve, Arthur & Constance  
Drew, Dean & Karen  
Gartner, Henry & Amy Troy  
Gerber, David & Carolyn Korsmeyer  
Griffin, Richard & Jane  
Kilduff, Robert & Mary  
Knapp, William & Mary Claire  
Lombardo, Mark & Robbin  
Mann, David & Jessica Pirro  
Martin House Restoration Corp  
McCarthy, Paul & Judi  
McNicholas, Jim & Dorothy

Mesiah, Frank & Rica  
O'Sullivan, Michael & Mary  
Pugliese, Martin & Dianna  
Samuels, Robert & Julie  
Scheuttle, Frank & Mary Jane  
Szydowski  
Shanley, Steve & Judy  
Stock, George & Maria Mozetti-Stock  
Tri-Main Development LLC  
Virtuoso, Kelly & Jos Maniaci  
Wegrzyn, John & Jennifer  
Weinberger, Marty & Bonnie  
Yates, John & R. Lorraine Collins

**\$125 Flint Hill**

Baizer, Joan  
Dunshie, Jason & Kelly Barbus  
Gaiter, Helen  
Kasting, Diane  
MacClennan, Paul & Patricia  
Martinez, Frank & Betsy Hager  
Medaille College, Dr Richard Jurasek  
Riley, Thomas & Gregory Alaimo  
Rose, Joel & Pam  
Udin, David & Susan  
Zupa, John & Ellen

**\$150 Elam Jewett**

Arcudi, Bruno  
Lampe, David & Ruth  
Lauerman, Meg & Mike Glesk  
Meyer, Brian  
Rodwin, Jonathan & Candace Lynn Bell  
Spampata, Robert & Jeanne

**Other**

O'Hara, Colleen & Robert  
Parlato, Mary Jane

**New/Free**

Bassett, Matthew & Kathleen  
Hamilton, Trina & Dale Lum  
Miller, Gregory & Karima Bondi

**\$40 Washington Russell**

Adamczyk, Lynne & Thomas Kolveck  
Attea, Gerald & Diane  
Baker, Norman & Sheila  
Barber, Janice  
Bollenbach, Peter & Cheryle Gilmore  
Bowler, Arthur & Sheila  
Bukowski, Marguerite  
Burns, Walter & Carol  
Chunco, Robb & Kelly  
City Smiles, Dr Albert Cantos  
Cordova, Joseph & Carmella  
Crane, Jeffrey & Eileen  
Cumming, Cynthia  
Danahy, Jeffrey & Kathryn  
de Freitas, Michael & Jane Fisher  
Emery, George & Becky Koenig  
Gallagher, Jerry & Rita  
Gold, James & Molly  
Gordon, James  
Greco, James & Erminia  
Harvey, Eric & Jennifer  
Kelly, David & Ruth

**The PCA Halloween Party**

was a huge success again this year, offering over 350 children throughout the city a safe alternative to trick or treating. A big thank you to Kathleen Peterson for chairing this year's event. We couldn't have done it without the help of our volunteers and generous donations from the following individuals and businesses:

Kathleen Boni, Canisius College, F.A.T.H.E.R.S., Friends of Lynn Marinelli, Galvin Painting, M.A.B.R.A., Masten Block Club Coalition, Paula's Donuts, Robert and Christine Mathieson Matt's Lake Effect Laundry, Optimal Therapy Associates Services, St. Mark's Guild, St. Mark's Holy Name Society, Target, Buffalo Police Explorers, Buffalo Fire Dept. Engine 34/Ladder 7, NFTA

**The Retree Day**



On November 6 many volunteers and homeowners gathered to plant trees along Parkside and by Nichols School. Thanks to the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy and a generous grant from Councilman Michael LoCurto and support from Retree WNY and Nichols many trees were planted.

**PCA Financial Statement**

As of November 30, 2010

**Income:**

Community Programs	\$ 18,900
Foundation Support	\$ 17,000
Fundraising	\$ 19,300
Government Grants	\$ 94,000
Membership	\$ 17,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,900
Rental Income	\$ 6,500
Total Income	\$ 174,600

**Expenses:**

Administrative	\$ 54,000
Building	\$ 4,100
Fundraising	\$ 2,800
Membership	\$ 1,100
Newsletter	\$ 3,200
Programs	\$ 115,000
Total Expenses	\$ 180,300

**Note!**

On the Parkside website, you may sign up for our e-mail list to get the latest event notices, crime alerts and Parkside news. View a list of participating businesses offering discounts to PCA members. Read a color version of this newsletter. Get a sense of 'belonging' in this urban community.

**Please Note:**

Sunday, May 22 - Tour of Homes  
Sunday, June 26 - Garden Tour

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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
- \$125 Flint Hill
- \$150 Elam Jewett
- My employer matches charitable gifts. I have enclosed my company's matching gift form.

PCA is tax exempt. Your membership may be tax deductible. Please make your membership check payable to the Parkside Community Association. Please return your membership check and this form to: Parkside Community Association, 2318 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14214 or go to the PCA website and click on the JOIN PCA link. For convenience, you may use PayPal to pay membership dues.