Parkside is Going Green!

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Ruth Lampe

We are pleased to announce that by going to our website you can:

- Join PCA or renew your membership by just going to the JOIN link. We have contracted with PayPal so we can accept your credit cards.
- Read your newsletters online. If you choose to do this, let us know and we’ll take you off the “snailmail” list.
- Sign up for regular crime alerts, event notices, and other news by just giving us your email.

One of my favorite public radio stations has a saying when they run a promotion, “You don’t have to be a member to enter, but it’s the right thing to do.” That’s how I feel about a Parkside membership. But what do you get for joining Parkside besides access to discounts at over 20 merchants and vendors? (go to the website for a complete listing) You will receive a free tour ‘buck’ for our historical and architectural tours, you receive a discount on Home Tour tickets, and you are supporting one of the most respected neighborhood associations in Western New York with a proud 47 year history.

Here's what Parkside does for you (whether you're a member of not):

- P = prescribes your quality of life and housing values
- C = collaborates with other agencies and groups
- A = advocates for you at all levels of government, with the police, and in Housing Court

Sadly, fewer than 10% of residents support our work and we need your help now more than ever. The State's fiscal crisis has caused us to lose a major source of funding which threatens our Summer Arts and After School programs, plus our ability to maintain staff.

You don't have to join BUT IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO!!!!!!

A Message from the President

Candace Lynn Bell

Dear PCA Members and Friends

Just a few short weeks ago, the PCA was awarded, what I believe to be, the largest grant in the organization's history. The grant from the NYS DHCR - HTF will cover renovations to the PCA office building at 2318 Main Street, including renovations to the two apartments on the second floor of the building. The grant funds will be used to pay for many needed renovations and improvements to the structure. Check back in the next issue for additional information and plans and get ready to see the renovation of 2318 Main Street.

The PCA is also revamping its website! Under the capable direction of Board Member, George Emery, the PCA will shortly unveil its new website.

Finally, do not forget to look for and sign up for the PCA's new crime alert emails (see the article from the Crime and Safety committee in this newsletter)

The PCA is making other changes, but all with a hope to better fulfill its mission to the neighborhood.
As always, let us know what you think as we roll out the changes.

Enjoy the last beautiful days of summer in Parkside!

Candace Lynn Bell, President
Flint Hill Village/Aging in Place

Flint Hill Village: Parkside’s program for making our community safe and welcoming for people of all ages and abilities, with a focus on older people and the disabled.

New smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for our senior and disabled residents.
On June 12, 11 Parkside volunteers installed free smoke/fire detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in 15 homes of senior residents. This effort was funded in part by the Community Health Foundation of Central and Western New York and a grant from New York State enabled by Senator Antoine Thompson. The organization of this effort was skillfully organized by our Western New York AmeriCorps-funded Program Coordinator, Alecia Zimmerman.

New Projects!

Lighting: Good interior and exterior lighting in your home makes it safer, pleasanter, and more attractive. Flint Hill Village will be sponsoring a program this autumn for installation of better lighting in the homes of our senior and disabled residents. We’ve teamed up with an electrician to install decorative photo-detector light fixtures for front porches, so lights will turn on automatically at dusk. A second offering will be motion-sensitive lighting fixtures for the backs and sides of houses and for garages in order to provide extra safety and convenience. In addition, we’ll be providing screw-in motion-sensitive adapters for interior lighting in locations such as stairwells and basements. These are really handy! The fixtures will be provided at the electrician’s discounted cost. The costs will be subsidized for low-income residents. If you’re interested in finding out more about this program, please contact Flint Hill Village Coordinator Alecia Zimmerman at 352-7843 for more information.

Telephone Assurance Project: Would you like to participate in a Telephone Assurance Program to provide peace of mind and regular phone contact, especially during those long, dark winter days? We’re planning to set up a program for everyone who wants a friendly call on a regular basis. If you’re interested in getting calls and/or making calls, please contact Flint Hill Village Coordinator Alecia Zimmerman at 352-7843 for more information.

Do you have concerns about traffic and safety in Parkside?

The PCA Traffic Committee is involved with traffic, pedestrian and transit issues in the Parkside area. Our goal is to work for a safe and accessible neighborhood for walkers, bikers, drivers and riders. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in joining the committee or have an issue you think the committee needs to address, please email us at parksidetraffic@yahoo.com or call the PCA office.

On June 12, the PCA’s Flint Hill Village program volunteers installed smoke/fire detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in homes of some of our older Parkside residents. Shown here are installation volunteers Carl Ganger and Christine Ball with Parkside residents Johanna Lieberman and her son Frank.
Dark nights, winter lights in an antique park 
Olmsted Nights, a special way to enjoy some of the best Buffalo has to offer

Winter woodlands glisten and sparkle in a wonder of theatrical twinkling lights at historic Delaware Park. Visitors will be welcomed into Buffalo's premier park, tastefully lit for the dark nights with magic and wonder.

After a drive through Delaware Park's woodlands and meadows, visitors will be able to park and wander through a snowy landscape lit with holiday lights, some powered by the sun, along paths that lead to the Buffalo Olmsted Park Conservancy's Holiday Headquarters at the Parkside Lodge. Nightly live musical entertainment, choral groups, actors in Dickens costumes, sleigh rides, hot cider, decorating cookies, and taking a picture with Santa by the fire will all be featured. Unique, Buffalo-made, one-of-a-kind finds will be available on sale for discriminating shoppers looking for that special gift. If you have a unique craft or Buffalo Made item you are interested in selling on consignment in our gift shop, please contact the conservancy!

Olmsted Nights will launch with a Members-Only preview party to be held on the Friday evening after Thanksgiving, November 26th. All members of the Conservancy will also receive one free pass to attend Olmsted Nights. Offered every evening, (except Monday and Tuesday, when the Parkside Lodge will be available for corporate and private events) from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, through the first week of January. All proceeds go to support the ongoing restoration and care of Buffalo's premier historic park system. We encourage all members of the Parkside neighborhood to join the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy. It's your city, your neighborhood, and your parks. For $35, you can make a huge difference right in your own backyard! For membership, additional information on the light show, or for information regarding the holiday gift shop, please call Rachel Lithgow at 838-1249 x14, or go to our website at www.hfoparks.org

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BRASS CONCERT AT GOOD SHEPHERD

On Friday, October 1, 2010, 7:30 PM, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd will be hosting an exciting concert by “Cathedral Brass”. This top-notch musical group is comprised of some of the best brass players in Western New York, and includes members of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. The program will feature a wide variety of musical selections. Come and join the fun! A reception in the church hall will follow.

Church of the Good Shepherd (96 Jewett Parkway) is offering this concert as part of its ongoing concert series “Music for a Friday Evening”. The series, which consists of two annual concerts, one in the spring and one in the fall, was started to celebrate the refurbishment of the church’s organ, piano and music performance space in 2008.

Proceeds from October’s concert will be donated to the Elam Jewett Cafe. This not-for-profit organization is a joint effort between St. Mary’s School for the Deaf and the Church of the Good Shepherd. Its goal is to create a public cafe on the property of Good Shepherd, across from the Darwin Martin House, which will provide valuable work experience for the deaf and disabled. The Professional Culinary Institute will support the workers with their expertise and training. The church’s main hall, which is to be the location for the cafe, has been restored through the volunteer efforts of the District 4 Painters and Glazers Union. The floor has been refinished using city grant funds. What remains is the purchase of furnishings and dishes before the cafe can open its doors.

Come out and enjoy some wonderful music while supporting a worthwhile community project. No tickets required. A free-will offering will be collected; suggested donation $10.00. Local businesses are encouraged to participate in our after-concert reception. For more information please call Jeanne Suski, Music Director, Church of the Good Shepherd, 833-1151.

Steve Cichon and Jessica Pirro are under 40 Parksiders

Two Parkside Residents are ’40 Under Forty’ Winners

A pair of Parkside residents are being recognized for their professional success and community involvement. On July 29, 2010, Business First selected their ‘40 under Forty’ winners. This program began in 1992 and there is a six member panel that makes the selections.

The Parkside neighborhood has two winners. Congratulations to Steve Cichon, of Parkside Avenue, and Jessica Pirro, of West Oakwood Place. Steve Cichon is a news anchor/reporter at WBEN radio, is very involved with the Parkside community, and has written a book, The Complete History of Parkside. Steve also has a website, www.staffannouncer.com, where he celebrates the history of radio, TV, and the pop culture of Buffalo. Jessica Pirro is the Associate Director of Crisis Services. She oversees all clinical operations of the agency’s 5 programs that provide numerous services to those in crisis 24 hours a day. Jessica 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. She is currently on the Board of Directors for the Parkside Community Association.

Steve and Jessica make it their mission to contribute in many ways to their community and the quality of life we all enjoy in Buffalo. They will be honored at a luncheon at the Buffalo Convention Center on November 9, 2010. Their award is well deserved. If you see Steve or Jessica around Parkside, make sure to say congratulations!

Delaware Park Update

Delaware Park has experienced the usual cases of stolen bikes, car break-ins, and vandalism, but there were also incidents resulting in serious damage to the fence in the north lawn bowling area and to golf carts during the week of August 9th. A juvenile was arrested in connection with the theft of a golf cart and the investigation is ongoing. We have met with District D’s Chief Barba who will be enhancing patrols, but we also ask for your assistance. If you see anything that you think is suspicious, please call 911. Remember that the park closes at 10PM so there is no reason for anyone to be in the park after that hour.
Parkside Summer Arts 2010

For close to thirty years the Parkside Summer Arts Program has provided children with the opportunity to explore their creativity, get some exercise and make new friends during their summer vacations. The theme of this year’s program was “Art & Wellness”. Program participants learned about the important role nutrition and exercise play in a healthy lifestyle. Over 200 children and thirty youth staff participated in this year’s program. The PCA also collaborated with Just Buffalo Literary Center, Explore & More Childrens Museum and the UB Anderson Gallery to further enrich programming.

The Parkside Summer Arts Program would like to thank the following for their support:

The City of Buffalo CDBG
Buffalo Bills Youth Foundation
Buffalo Olmsted Conservancy
Erie County Youth Bureau
General Mills Foundation
Joanne Granger Champion Fund
Josephine Goodyear Foundation
Kenmore Development
Lexington Co-operative Market
NYS Assembly member Crystal Peoples-Stokes
Mayor Byron Brown’s Summer Youth Intern Program

Alecia Zimmerman, Diane Kasting, Vanessa Curry, Paula Dolega, Tom Ziobro, Ruth Lampe, Kathy Peterson offer congratulations to Paula for a super job effort

Some of the dedicated counselors who help make the summer program a success

Artistic designs are not limited to paint and clay but also colorful fruit and vegetable creations

Martial arts exercises strengthen the mind as well as the body

Dancing requires balance, balance, balance

A bag of birdseed and a few streamers and you have a wonderful throwing toy that flies like a bird

A PCA Notice

Parkside Community Association wishes to give a heartfelt Thank You to Paula Dolega who has directed our after school programs and our Summer Arts Program for many years. We are saddened to see Paula leave the PCA. Cuts in New York State funding have endangered the after school program. This is a tremendous loss for Parkside and the children who benefited from her talents.
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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. Call us at 838-1240 or go to http://www.parksidebuffalo.org and go to the JOIN link.