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A Letter from The Executive Director's Desk

Well another year has come and gone, the leaves have fallen, and the sun starts setting at 5:00 again. Whether you spend the weekend waxing your skis or cursing the geese flying south, the winter is certainly fast approaching. Let us get a jump-start then on reflecting what 2011 has brought, and look forward to all that 2012 promises to bring.

In the past we had issued up to 4 hard copy newsletters each calendar year, but with significant budget cuts, we've had to reduce it to only two in 2011. In an attempt to keep our membership informed and engaged, we've tried to make up for this change with more online updates. If you haven't seen it recently, take a minute to visit us at www.parksidebuffalo.org to see what we've been up to on your behalf. For more timely updates, be sure to sign up for our weekly e-mails, with items of interest going out each Friday, and security updates going out each Monday. For those of you that are members in good standing, you're invited to review our draft revised by-laws in a special 'Members Only' section.

We recognize though that many of you depend on hard copy notices for your local news. That is why we're reviving an old program and plan on sending out regular postcards to all mailing addresses in Parkside listing any upcoming events or items that may be of interest.

In the pages to follow you'll get a sense of what we were able to do in 2011 and what we hope to do in the upcoming year. You'll be invited to participate in any number of events and initiatives, or to take part in a variety of programs offered exclusively to Parkside residents. Beyond that though, we recognize that any successful community association is first and foremost an attempt to build connections between neighbors, to keep you all informed, and hopefully active in those issues that affect us all. Whether you're a young family with children looking for hand-me-down clothes, or senior residents looking for help with yard work, whether you're worried about crime or traffic, or whether you're just looking to feel more connected to your neighborhood, the PCA is here to help foster that sense of place that makes Buffalo and Parkside so special.

When my family moved here not long ago, we came with the typical expectation of Buffalo as a frozen tundra. What we've learned since then is that, while other places may boast sunny skies 9 months of the year, it's when the temperature drops that we find ourselves seeking the warmth and comfort of friends and neighbors. Take your lazy days by the pool then, as long as we have the welcoming glow of living rooms up and down our block, I'll gladly suffer anything the lake throws our way. So here's to wishing you all a warm and neighborly winter, encouraging you to reach out and feel a part of something larger than yourself, something that goes back almost 50 years now, something that we can call our own.

Seasons Greetings,
Ben Johnson, Executive Director, PCA



Year 2011 Recap

Ben Johnson

2011 was not without its challenges, but with the support of our strong membership base, we've been able to continue our tradition of addressing any and all matters that affect the quality of life in Parkside. A short summary then of what your neighborhood association has been up to on your behalf:

Private Security Patrols:

As expected and predicted, the spring saw a rise in crime, not just in Parkside but across all of Buffalo. Cars that were left unlocked were broken into, items were stolen from both front and rear porches, and in a number of cases, we learned of burglaries that tended to occur during weekday working hours. The PCA was in touch with the D District police about how we could best respond. We were told in no uncer-

tain terms that petty larcenies would not receive priority in the district over more violent offenses, something that was becoming obvious as residents witnessed thieves casually walking down our streets carrying stolen items, appearing unconcerned that they were being watched.

Mostly out of concern that one or more of our residents might take matters into their own hands, and the fear that somebody would end up hurt, the PCA offered to run limited private security patrols, covering just the Parkside Neighborhood. The membership responded with over \$1,000 in private donations, matched in part with just over \$800 from Councilman LoCurto.

While the number and frequency of incidents is dropping, we still have some funds remaining to run additional patrols in the event of a weather emergency, or around holidays or special events. If you're interested in supporting this program, please contact the PCA for details

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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).

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on how you could help, either with a donation, or by joining our Crime and Safety Committee.

Reapportionment:

In response to the 2010 Census, the City of Buffalo went through a reapportionment process this summer, in which Council Districts were redrawn to reflect equal representation across districts. While draft plans began to be circulated in May, none of the proposals had suggested changes to the Parkside area until mid April when a draft map proposed placing the Vernon Triangle in the Masten District. The PCA responded quickly and vigorously in an attempt to keep our neighborhood unified. With less than 24 hours notice the PCA was able to be the only attendee at a meeting of the common council to discuss the proposal. When the Council called for written comments from Citizens throughout the City, The Parkside neighborhood submitted over 50% of all comments received, unanimous in our opposition to dividing the neighborhood.

Our best efforts however were not enough to prevent this map from being accepted by the council. Fundamentally, the Delaware District retained it's population while surrounding neighborhoods lost theirs. With a mandate that all districts must represent approximately the same number of citizens, the math dictated that a portion of Delaware district be carved off.

Since that time, we have been in constant communication with Councilman Demone Smith representing the Masten District, as well as Councilman LoCurto of Delaware. The PCA has not changed our boundaries, and we will continue to represent our membership as forcefully as we are able. If nothing else, the PCA is now reaching out to two councilmen for all issues that affect our neighborhood.

Proposed Developments:

From time to time The PCA learns of proposed developments that are scheduled to come before the Common Council for approval if not other City or State agencies that require or respond to public comments. In these instances our policy is to host a public meeting open to all, whether they be PCA members or not. We don't have the funds available to send mailings out to over 1,900 households each time a proposal comes up, but it is our policy to post notice on our website, notify our membership through the weekly e-mail updates, notify any block clubs or block captains on file, and distribute fliers to all addresses within a one-block radius of the proposed site.

2248 Main Street – Proposed Deli:

In June we learned of the proposal to locate a deli at the corner of Main Street and Florence, and scheduled a public meeting for the night of Wednesday July 6th. At this meeting a number



of residents of Florence Avenue raised concerns about parking, the maintenance of the building, and the apparent lack of a business plan. We also discussed the number of delis currently operating nearby as well as the idea of selling beer, tobacco and lottery tickets across the street from St. Mary's School for the Deaf. After the business proponents were given a chance to present their plan and respond to questions, the residents voted unanimously to oppose this proposal. The PCA board then met on July 19th, and taking the vote of this meeting into consideration voted to formally submit a letter of opposition to both Councilmen LoCurto and Smith.

Currently the Deli is under review by the office of inspections. Should they pass that review the proposal will then proceed to the Common Council. The PCA will monitor the process throughout to ensure the will of our members is fully expressed.

2626 Main Street – Proposed Used Car lot:

In May we learned of a proposal to locate a used car lot at the corner of Vernon Place and Main Street. The Vernon Triangle Block Club hosted a public meeting then on Thursday, July 14th. After the proponent presented and responded to questions the Block Club voted to support the proposal.



The proponent then agreed to present before the PCA board on September 20th along with the property owners. The PCA in keeping with past practices then called for our own public meeting before taking any official action, and met once more with the proponent on October 12th with local residents.

Parkside Presents The 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
 - Built in Year ____ or Circa Year _____
- Verified by _____

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The meeting revolved around the Transit Overlay District covering the site, which states in part:

"In view of the large public transit investment along Main Street represented by the transit line and transit stations and since the area surrounding the stations presents unique potential for the betterment of the public health, welfare, safety and aesthetics for the public, the Common Council has determined that special zoning controls should exist in areas near transit stations. Use held to be desirable and appropriate for areas near the stations and within close proximity to the Central Business District include higher density residential and commercial use related to the primary goal of encouraging the use of the Metro Rail system reflecting the special nature and streetscape of Main Street."

The PCA board therefore voted to oppose this proposal, in part because it did not comport with the intentions of the transit overlay district.

Parking Pads:

It has been the policy of the PCA to oppose the construction of parking pads, the additional paved area typically on front lawns, creating additional off-street private parking spots. The curb cuts alone act to effectively remove a public parking spot and locate it on private land, reduce the amount of green space in the historic neighborhood, and otherwise adversely affect how our streets look and feel. From time to time we learn of the installation of illegal parking pads, those installed without the proper approvals, in which case the PCA simply notifies City officials and allows the City to pursue the process from there. When we hear of applications before the Zoning Board of Appeals, the PCA will oppose them before the board, absent any compelling medical need.

Parkside Avenue:

Over the last year we've seen the opening of three businesses on Parkside Avenue across the street from the Zoo, Sweetness-7 Café, Wil's BBQ, and now our newest addition FairyCakes CupCakery. The commercial strip however still has a handful of vacant commercial spaces available, and we're working with the property owners to identify tenants that the neighborhood would support.

Grant Updates:

In late 2010 the PCA received two of the largest Grants from the State in our history, \$500,000 from the Main Street Program, dedicated to exterior improvements to mixed-use properties on Main street between Florence Avenue and Leroy Street, as well as \$200,000 in an Urban Initiative Grant to rehabilitate our offices at 2318 Main Street as well as the two low-income rental units on our second floor.

2318 Main Street Grant:

Our office was at one time a condemned building that the PCA convinced the City to grant to us back in 1988. With public funding at the time, we were able to renovate it enough to create office space on the first floor, and two low-income one-bedroom rental units upstairs. Since that time, the property has received the occasional repair, but had become long overdue



for some significant improvements. We have executed the contract with the State, and work is set to begin this winter, with improvements made to the front facade, our roof, both units, and the entirety of our offices on the first floor.



We are working with our contractor to minimize the amount of time the office will be uninhabitable, but at some point in early 2012 the PCA will be conducting business off-site until we're able to move back into our new space.

Main Street Grant:

The PCA issued a call for and received nine "Expressions of Interest" from property owners

along this stretch of Main Street on April 5th. We then worked with each property owner to help them compile a full and complete application. By the application deadline of June 17th we had received 7 complete applications. Our Grant review Committee, consisting of volunteers from the neighborhood and PCA members, voted to award 5 of these applicants a total of over \$400,000. We are moving forward with the 5 awardees on executing contracts with the State, but look for construction to begin in the spring of 2012 if not earlier.

Revolving Loan Fund:

Expands boundaries beyond the Vernon Triangle, available now for all low-income, elderly, or disabled households. Brian Barrington heads the the Buffalo Cooperative Federal Credit Union at 716-881-3767. The loan amount limit is \$2000 for a home improvement loan

Block Club, Tenant Association Organizing:

The PCA is not a Homeowners Association, and certainly welcomes the participation of any tenants in the neighborhood. So much so that in 2012 we will be working to help organize tenant associations along the same lines as a typical block club. It's a fairly simple process to register a new association with the City, and doing so could qualify your group for any number of benefits, including funding for beautification projects, crime watches, or even if you wanted to host your own annual Building party. Each Spring the PCA and City departments promote a number of National Take Back the Night events that we can help you plan and organize. More importantly, with just a minor time commitment, you can become that much more involved in your community, learn about all the events and special deals

FairyCakes is a new Parkside Retailer

FairyCakes CupCakery hosted a grand opening celebration at their new retail location at 289 Parkside Avenue, across from the Parkside entrance to the Buffalo Zoo. The store opened it's doors on Saturday, October 29 from 10am-8pm, offering "give-aways" and lots of cupcake fun. Let's offer them a warm Parkside welcome as the newest retail addition to the neighborhood.



The PCA is proud to be able to offer to our members the 2012 series of the wildly popular **Buffalo Dining Cards**. Each deck of Buffalo Dining Cards contains 52 gift certificates to local restaurants, cafés and eateries. 50 cards are worth \$10 off your food bill of \$30 or more, and 2 wildcards offer freebies to local merchants in your neighborhood. There are no blackout dates. You can use each card just like a gift certificate. To keep things simple, the rules at each restaurant are universal. The Cards are \$20 per pack and a portion of the sales benefits the PCA.

At the same time, we're also offering Buffalo Cocktail Cards, with 50 cards worth \$10 off your cocktail bill of \$30 or more, and 2 wildcards offer freebies to local bars. Call the PCA office at 838-1240 to buy a great gift.



BBQ Coupons

From time to time Parkside Businesses will offer special deals to PCA members. From now through the end of the calendar year, Wil's BBQ on Russell and Parkside is offering coupons available on the PCA website to our membership. Stop on by and support your local businesses. If the PCA can demonstrate an interest for them, we hope to be able to offer further discounts like this in the future.

Likewise, mark your calendars for **PCA Night at Wil's BBQ**. As a way to support the neighborhood, William Palmer, owner and chef of Wil's, will donate a percentage of all proceeds earned on Saturday, January 21st to the PCA. More details to be forthcoming.

Join your Parkside family by becoming a PCA member. There are membership benefits from local business. Receive instant news via e-mail and crime reports. Call 838-1240 or check our website www.parksidebuffalo.org

2012 Board of Directors Candidate's Biographies

Vicky-Marie J. Brunette is Deputy General Counsel for the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority where she focuses her practice on the defense of personal injury and police professional liability litigation, as well as handles authority wide ethics and integrity issues. Vicky earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from St. John Fisher College in 1989 and a Juris Doctor from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1994. She sits on the Board of the Defense Trial Lawyers Association and is a member of the Erie County Bar Association, Women's Bar Association of the State of New York and Women Lawyers of Western New York. She is also a graduate of Leadership Buffalo's Class of 2008. Vicky moved to the Parkside neighborhood in 2005 and lives on Woodward Avenue. She is excited about the prospect of getting more involved with the Parkside Association and taking an active role in ensuring that Parkside remains a safe and healthy neighborhood in which to live, work and play

Monica Cichon is running for President of the PCA. She has lived at 117 Parkside Avenue for almost 12 years with her husband Steve. They continue to renovate and restore their EB Green designed American Four Square. Monica has been on the PCA board for 7 years and is involved with the Home Tour, Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, and does publicity for the PCA. She works for Key Bank as a District Operations Manager and oversees 26 branches throughout WNY. She is also an active parishioner of St. Mark's Church. Monica is committed to the Parkside neighborhood and wants to see it continue to flourish and remain a great active neighborhood.

George Emery and his wife Becky Koenig have been Parkside residents since 1997. George is the Digital Services Librarian at Canisius College. He is a member of the PCA Crime & Safety Committee and Membership Committee. He maintains the PCA website where he continues working on developing the site with a focus on expanding communication, information and membership.

Jerry Gallagher and his wife Rita moved to Parkside 14 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. Jerry has served on the PCA Board of Directors as a Member At Large for one term.

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 16 years and has been a homeowner for 10 of those years. Eric has been on the Parkside Board of Directors for 2 years where he was chairperson of the Executive Search Committee and is currently chairperson of the Personnel Committee and Board Secretary. When he is not involved with the neighborhood, he is Secretary of the St. Mark's Holy Name Society, and an Assistant Scout Master for Troop 42 (also with St. Mark's). 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 since 1984. She loves the spirit of friendship, caring and generosity of Parkside residents. She has been on the Parkside Board of Directors for the past year and serves on the Finance Committee and is chair of the Winter Gala. Pat is an accountant, currently working at Aspire of WNY. She 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. Pat can often be seen in the neighborhood walking Niles, her Shetland sheepdog.

Ruth Lampe and her husband Dave moved into their Crescent Ave. home in 1970, raised their two sons, and are now both retired teachers and proud grandparents of seven beautiful children. Having served two stints as PCA President, Ruth has served on the Board for many years. She chairs the Membership Committee, serves on the Traffic and Flint Hill Village Committees and enjoys her volunteer work with the Olmsted Parks Conservancy and the Darwin Martin House.

Christopher Lavey moved into the Parkside neighborhood on Woodward Avenue in 1997. He works 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 PCA Home Tour and Garden Tour, he decided to serve on the Board of Directors in 2010. Chris co-chaired the 2010 and 2011 Home Tours. 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 third year as a member of the PCA Board of Directors. He has been a member of the Buffalo Police Department for 25 years and is the Lieutenant in charge of the Sex Offense Section since 1995. Over the past two years Dave has served on the PCA's crime and safety committee and helped evaluate the need to implement enhanced security patrols in the Parkside area this past year. He loves walking in our historic neighborhood and volunteering his time with PCA events such as the Home Tour and the Annual Halloween Party. Dave also currently serves on the board for the It Happened to Alexa Foundation.

Jessica Pirro has lived in the Parkside Area since 1998. She is seeking a third year on the

PCA Board of Directors and running to serve as PCA Treasurer for a second year. She is the Associate Director of Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service, Inc. (Crisis Services) and brings extensive expertise in non profit management to her role as a PCA board member and finance committee member. She oversees all clinical operations of Crisis Services 4 agency programs that provide numerous services to those in crisis 24 hours a day. Jessica has been involved in various community coalitions, Not for Profit boards and has experience serving on various executive committees' committed to board governance in order to fulfill the mission of the organization. Jessica enjoyed having her home on the Home Tour this year and helping with other PCA events such as Garden Tour and the Annual Halloween Party.

Annie Reed - Annie and her husband, Phil, have enjoyed living on Fairfield Avenue in Parkside for 1.5 years. They moved to Buffalo because Phil got a job as a philosophy professor at Canisius College. Annie stays at home with their two young daughters, Susanna, age 6 months, and Lydia, age 3. Annie loves walking in the Parkside neighborhood, where it seems that on every walk a beautiful house that she hadn't noticed before pops out of the woodwork. Annie is interested in keeping Parkside a safe, walkable neighborhood where neighbors know each other and residents look out for each other. She currently serves as chair of the North Buffalo Library Action Committee (formerly chaired by George Emery) and would be honored to serve on the board of the PCA. In her spare time, Annie enjoys swimming, cycling, baking, and reading.

Renee Ruffino has been a homeowner and Parkside resident since 1983. Renee and her partner of 32 years (Sherri Darrow) along with their three children (who all attended Buffalo public schools; one of which is currently enrolled) and dog, have enjoyed living in our Parkside community. The close proximity of the zoo, Delaware Park, the Martin House, the beautiful homes and gardens, and the wonderful neighbors are some of the many reasons why they chose Parkside. Renee is the Creative Design Director for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University at Buffalo and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Visual Studies where she teaches typography, digital graphic reproduction processes and identity design. Renee is also an avid runner, downhill skier, gardener and piano student. She is an involved parent at the Tapestry Charter School and a past-parent at City Honors School and DaVinci High School. She currently is being trained as an instructor for the Adaptive Ski Program at Kissing Bridge and looks forward to a snowy winter with a lot of good ski weather. Now that her children are grown and caring for her parents and her dogs has diminished, Renee has 'breathing room' to work with the PCA and the Parkside community to continue to build a strong and vibrant neighborhood. She looks forward to working with other new and seasoned board members on established projects and to identify new programs or projects.

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.

Susan Udin - I've been a Parkside resident, along with my husband, since 1980. We moved to this neighborhood because of the convenient location (close to downtown and to my work as a professor at the UB South Campus), the beautiful houses, and the proximity to Delaware Park. We've stayed because of all those reasons, but also because we've learned what a great place it's been to raise children and because of the wonderful people, in all their variety. I'd be honored to continue as a member of the PCA Board, to assist in the activities sponsored by the PCA such as the Home Tour, Movies on the Meadow, and especially our Flint Hill Village initiative, which aims to enable seniors and the disabled to live safely and happily in Parkside.

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 with the neighborhood and its friendly residents! Her busy and long-time career as a Project Manager for a local commercial bank prevented her from making an active volunteer commitment to Parkside. Now that she is retired, she has become more involved in PCA activities and would consider it an honor to again represent the community on the PCA Board of Directors. Bonnie is currently on the PCA Board of Directors and co-chaired the 2010 and 2011 PCA Home Tours. Showing her home in the 2010 home tour reinforced how fortunate she is to live in her big old house in this wonderful neighborhood! Bonnie and Marty love to travel but always find it nice to come back home to Parkside!

Rich Wolf I have been a Parkside resident for 15 years and love the neighborhood. I have been involved in the PCA in the past and have been on the board of directors. In the past I have served as a committee member for the Garden Tour, and Housing Committee, and chaired the Traffic Committee. I hope to be elected to the board of directors to help to preserve our beautiful and historic neighborhood.

Tom Ziobro - I have lived away from my birthplace of Buffalo, NY for almost half my life but have never forgotten this unique area. I returned to Buffalo a dozen years ago to take on the responsibility of elder care for my parents. Parkside has diverse architecture, majestic trees and outdoor living spaces, and most significantly, the epitome of Buffalo "Good Neighbors". As a result, I have developed a bond with the Parkside neighborhood and am personally and avidly concerned for its preservation and continued well-being. I am an electronics engineer by profession - open-minded, analytical and independent by nature. As an incumbent member of the PCA board - I listen to, remark, question and evaluate all aspects of neighborhood issues, and debate and devise pragmatic solutions.

This year, I am running for the executive committee as Secretary and ask for your continued support. I am eagerly looking forward as committee chair to your gracious participation in the 2012 Parkside Garden Tour, History Presentation and Architecture Walk.

Chocolate - Wine Tasting Tour:

On Wednesday October 26th, Parkside residents were invited on a tour of the ChocoLogo factory downtown to learn the finer points of distinguishing fine chocolates and how best to pair them with wine. Dan Johnson, owner of ChocoLogo walked two groups through the factory floor, offering samples along the way, highlighting why certain brands have deep caramel undertones, while others leave a chalky aftertaste. Each tour ended with a guided sampling of wines along with some thoughts on how best to pair chocolates with them each. The PCA would like to thank the good folks of ChocoLogo for opening their doors to our members, and hope to offer similar tours again in the future.



Winter Gala for 2011 was another successful event

Let us take a minute to thank our membership for turning out for our 2011 Winter Gala. The PCA was able to raise over \$1,300 in ticket sales and raffle ticket proceeds that will help us close out this year. A special thank you is due to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, for once again opening their doors, and for our wonderful sponsors that donated goods and prizes for our raffle.

We will be rolling out another series of events



Pat Lalonde, Jessica Pirro, standing: Ben Johnson, Bonnie Weinberger, David Mann

for our membership and the general public, but did not want to miss a chance to express our appreciation and gratitude for all of your support. A special thanks to Pat Lalonde who chaired the event.



Happy Raffle winners show off their prizes

PCA Halloween Party draws a dressy crowd



The PCA Halloween Party held on Monday night October 31, 2011 was another big success with a great turnout. 450 to 500 people attended the party. The basement of Good Shepherd was transformed into a great party environment. There were many games and craft tables including making Halloween bookmarks and the very popular Halloween tattoo face painting station. Mayor Brown came by along with Councilman LoCurto and Senator Grisanti. The big kudos goes out to Fairy Cakes that donated 200 cupcakes for the party. Coming off their grand opening weekend they took the time to make an amazing variety of cupcakes for the families attending our party. The PCA would also like to thank the many



costumed student volunteers from Medaille College that really helped make this event such a success. Everyone had a great time and we were glad to offer a great night for our neighborhood. A thank you to Jessica Pirro and David Mann, co-chairs.



Annual Parkside Meeting Scheduled

Not to get too far ahead of ourselves, but mark your calendars now for the 2012 Annual Meeting of the PCA membership, scheduled for Tuesday night **January 17th**, to be held once again at St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, 401 Woodward Avenue. As in years past, the meeting will include a pot-luck supper from 6:00-7:00 in the St. Mark's cafeteria, followed by an address from our guest, Erie County Executive Elect, Mark Poloncarz. Awards will be presented and the election of your 2012 Board of Directors and Officers will be held.

If you're interested in bringing a dish, drink or dessert please let the office know so we can avoid the tragedy of having 10 pies and no salad that night.



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We hope that you will join our association and that you will find your membership rewarding, knowing that you are helping maintain and better our remarkable historical treasure of a neighborhood. We are lucky to reside in an area that offers such great diversity with neighbors from all walks of life. We pride ourselves in this fact and our mission is to advocate, communicate, and act on behalf of the Parkside neighborhood to preserve and enhance the quality of life. We are working to make YOUR quality of life better.

With the economy forcing government grants to be eliminated, we need membership more than ever. Many of our neighbors are not aware of the services that our association offers. We are behind the scene strategizing traffic surveys, reducing crime, assisting neighbors in maintaining their homes, creating community events, providing services to the elderly, implementing Block Clubs, and creating a network of neighborly support.

Parkside Community Association also aids in showcasing and promoting the history of Buffalo by offering our annual home tour. In addition, we offer the opportunity to have a plaque on your home that signifies the centennial birthdays of each home. All of the PCA offer-

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Aside from assisting in making your neighborhood the best it can be, membership also provides various additional benefits. Many businesses offer a discounts rate to our members, including (but not limited to): alarm systems, construction companies, glass block windows, yoga, salons, landscaping, wine,

2011 PCA Financial Statement

As of November 30, 2011

Income	
Community Programs	\$28,061
Foundation Support	\$1,450
Fundraising	\$30,718
Government Grants	\$33,502
Membership	\$14,565
Miscellaneous	\$1,520
Rental Income	\$3,250
Total Income	\$113,065
Expenses	
Administrative	\$95,883
Building	\$9,723
Fundraising	\$3,201
Membership	\$948
Newsletter	\$8,364
Programs	\$18,796
Total Expenses	\$136,914

hardware, restaurants, and more!

We strongly encourage you to review the annual membership levels and choose one to join. If you would like to do more than join, we have numerous opportunities for you to get involved in a committee as well. Join by filling out the membership form or go online to join with Paypal.

We hope to hear from you and look forward to your membership!

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- \$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.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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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