

# Parkside News

## Parkside Community Association

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### 18th Annual Parkside Tour of Homes

**Sunday, May 22, 2016**  
**11 am-4:30 pm**

Begin at Darwin Martin House Complex  
Northwest corner of Jewett and Summit

During this year's 18th Annual Tour of Homes, we are proud to showcase our beautiful and historic neighborhood to approximately seven hundred visitors. As PCA's largest fundraising event, we are thrilled to have a lot of community support, including a sponsorship from National Fuel. The numerous companies that advertise with us and the hundreds of patrons who attend help us raise enough funds to continue serving the Parkside neighborhood.

Our proud homeowners are once again excited to show off beautiful stained glass windows, immaculate woodwork, unique architectural styles, and various other historically preserved features. Patrons will also see complete rehab projects and modern updates. Some homes will showcase extensive renovation projects (including one completely remodeled home), while others will serve as beautiful examples of historic preservation.

We will have food trucks in the neighborhood to accommodate the lunch crowd. We hope to see you at this year's tour. Pre-sale tickets are \$15 for PCA members and students with college IDs, and \$20 for non-members. Day-of tickets are \$25 for PCA members and students, and \$30 for non-members. You can purchase tickets at [www.parksidebuffalo.org](http://www.parksidebuffalo.org).

As a reminder to our neighbors, please refrain from putting out your bulk garbage until the event is over. We want to show the beauty of our neighborhood!



### 2016 Movies in the Meadow

Every Friday evening in the month of August (and the first Friday in September), the PCA will once again host our annual "Movies in the Meadow" film series. Movies begin just after dusk in beautiful Delaware Park behind the Parkside Lodge. We will have refreshments available for purchase, as well as plenty of surprises in store for our viewers! So pack your cooler, grab your lawn chairs, and join us for an evening like no other under the stars.

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#### **PCA MISSION**

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.

## **Letter from the Executive Director**

Dear neighbors & friends,

Despite our surprise snowfall this past April, it looks like the nice weather is finally here to stay! And with that comes a full calendar of Parkside Community Association events for you to enjoy. From our 18th Annual Tour of Homes (May 22) and our 19th Annual Garden & Architecture Tour (June 26), to the announcement of our 2016 Summer Arts Camp and our Movies in the Meadow lineup, we've got an array of events for Parksiders of all ages to enjoy! Details on these events are included in the following pages, but please feel free to check out the PCA's website at [www.parksidebuffalo.org](http://www.parksidebuffalo.org) for additional information.

In addition to planning our many upcoming events for the spring and summer of 2016, our PCA Board of Directors and dedicated volunteers have been continuing their efforts in the neighborhood on several fronts. In fact, a few weeks ago, one of our Greenfield Street neighbors organized a spring cleanup of the entire Parkside neighborhood for the second year in a row! Over the course of two days, we were able to collect bags full of rubbish and debris that had lined our neighborhood streets throughout the winter. I simply cannot thank this neighbor, Stacy Bisker, enough for her efforts on this. It's because of neighbors like her that Parkside is such a wonderful neighborhood to live in. I'm sure you'll agree that if you walk down your street and look around, you would be hard-pressed to not see one of your neighbors lending a helping hand. People are always asking what the secret is that makes our neighborhood so special; well, it's no secret at all—it's true that we have beautiful, historically significant homes, but it's the way we care for one another that really makes this such a special and unique neighborhood.



PCA Executive Director Amber Small

You and your neighbors truly are the backbone of this community, and we depend on your help to keep our neighborhood great. So, if you have an idea, or if you would like more information on how you can get involved, please call our office at 838.1240. The PCA is only as strong as our members, so please consider joining us in our work to keep Parkside a place we can all be proud of!

Sincerely,  
Amber A. Small, Executive Director

## **Congratulations to PCA Treasurer Maggie Shea, a 2016 Women Who Move the City Honoree**

This April, PCA Treasurer Maggie Shea was honored by Big Brother Big Sisters of Erie County at their annual Women Who Move the City award ceremony! Maggie is an integral part of the Buffalo community and volunteers her free time to causes close to her heart, including the PCA. In addition to her work in our neighborhood, Maggie is a member of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce's Emerging Business Leaders Board, the Technology Chair for AFWA—Buffalo, and Treasurer for @Buffalo Niagara Human Resources Association. She is also an Ambassador for Child & Family Services.

In 2015, Maggie started her own Staffing Firm, Staff-Buffalo, specializing in executive, permanent, and temporary placements. In addition to supporting the events and activities of the boards and committees Maggie is involved with, her team at StaffBuffalo take pride in volunteering throughout the year. Through her leadership they have volunteered for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western New York, Taste of Buffalo, Evergreen Health Services of WNY, Susan G. Komen Western New York, Re-TreeWNY.org, and Roswell Park Donor Center.

We are so incredibly proud of Maggie's accomplishments and her work to make our community a better place. If you see her around the neighborhood, please congratulate her!



## **2016 Spring Bulk Trash Schedule**

**Delaware District, May 22nd**

Due to the Parkside Tour of Homes, Parkside's pickup will be postponed to **May 23rd**.

***Please only place items to the curb on Monday, May 23rd.***

**Limit to 12 feet long 3 feet high 3 feet wide  
No electronic waste allowed**

If you need assistance, call the PCA office at (716) 838-1240 and we will try to help you move your items.

# The 19th Annual Parkside Garden (and Architecture) Tour

**Sunday, June 26, 2016, 10 am–4 pm**

Begin at Church of the Good Shepherd  
Southeast corner of Jewett and Summit

Parkside is home to some of Buffalo's most avid and talented gardeners. Whether a modest container garden neophyte or a prolific green thumb, all are invited to participate in this year's tour. Visitors come from all parts of Western New York, and some even come from Canada, to marvel at our unique melding of century-old homes and relaxation spaces embellished with personal favorites of floral shapes and colors.

All are welcome to tour the local gardens nestled between the beautiful homes of Parkside in the 19th Annual Parkside Garden and Architecture Tour on Sunday, June 26. A full color map and garden directory will be available for \$5 on the day of the tour outside the Church of the Good Shepherd. The maps will direct you to the highlighted gardens and "Parkside Architecture Notes" will be posted throughout the neighborhood, pointing to design elements of our homes.

For those wishing to learn more of the history of our historic Fredrick Law Olmsted–designed neighborhood, there will be guided walking tours highlighting architectural styles and elements interspersed with local Gilded Age residents' history and folklore. Sign up on the day of the tour for \$10, on a first-come, first-served basis.

You can also explore the site of the future gardens of the Darwin Martin House, Frank Lloyd Wright's prairie-style architectural masterpiece, where plans are underway to restore the once-extensive Wright-designed landscape. Remnants of the historic greenhouse are still visible and attest to the importance of cut flowers and flowering plants to Mrs. Martin. Horticulturist Nellie Gardner and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. Historic photos will be displayed in the Visitors' Center and there will be free tours of the Conservatory.

Finally, you can enjoy fare from the food trucks and ice cream cycles that will be in the neighborhood on the day of the tour.



## Introducing Buffalo Architecture Foundation to the PCA Garden (and Architecture) Tour

This year we will be developing the architecture part of the Garden and Architecture Tour in a partnership with Buffalo Architecture Foundation (BAF). The BAF invites you to share your Building (or Garden) Story, which will be available online through a QR code symbol on the day of the Tour and will be archived by UB. As part of BAF's Building Stories program, visitors will be able to learn more about individuals' homes and gardens, supplementing and complementing your interactions with visitors. By scanning the QR code provided, visitors will gain an insider's perspective to these wonderful and unique spaces.

Buffalo Architecture Foundation invites you to share a personal story of your experience of architecture and place in Western New York. Whether a sentimental reflection on a cherished spot or a philosophical piece about a local landmark, we welcome the unique narratives that you share with us. Express your story any way you choose to, through prose, poetry, photography, original artwork, music, recorded spoken word, or any other way. It's your story and we want you to have fun telling it!

Through a partnership with the University of Buffalo Libraries and BAF, this program, called "Building Stories," is accessible as a digital collection at UBdigit, home to collections encompassing a wide variety of formats including photographs, print materials, audio recordings, artworks, artifacts, and other resources.

The Building Stories digital collection supports BAF's mission of inspiring the exploration and appreciation of architecture and how it shapes our lives by reaching out to a wider audience and preserving your stories. Please visit the collection at <http://ubdigit.buffalo.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/LIB-APL001>.

If you would like to share a story about your home or garden as part of the Garden and Architecture Tour, you can email your submission to [courtney.creenan@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.creenan@gmail.com). Acceptable files include: Microsoft Word, Pages for Mac, JPEG, and TIFF. PDF files are acceptable but not preferred, as we will need to be able to format the submission.

## Put Your Own Garden on the Map!

If you would like to have your own garden sanctuary open on the day of the tour, please visit [www.parksidebuffalo.org](http://www.parksidebuffalo.org) and click on the "Garden Tour" link to reach the free enrollment form (also reproduced below). The deadline for enrollment is Friday, June 17, for inclusion on the map/directory. Please urge your neighbors to sign up as well—a dense cluster of gardens on the map attracts greater traffic.

For the third year running, we are celebrating our gardeners and volunteers with a meet-and-greet potluck BBQ in a participating Parkside garden. All event details will be sent to you after you submit your completed enrollment form. For more information, please contact Garden Tour Chair Laurie Ousley at [LaurieOGardens@gmail.com](mailto:LaurieOGardens@gmail.com) or 884.5624.

Visit [www.parksidebuffalo.org](http://www.parksidebuffalo.org) to look through some of the garden photos from our past tours taken by local photographers Bernie Wagner and David Udin. We look forward to seeing you in June.

## Volunteer!

The garden tour is possible because of the generous time and energy of volunteers who staff the greeting tables at the Church of the Good Shepherd the day of the garden tour. If you would like to volunteer a few hours that Sunday, even if just to help set up, please contact Garden Tour Chair Laurie Ousley at [LaurieOGardens@gmail.com](mailto:LaurieOGardens@gmail.com) or 884.5624.

All money raised helps support continuing non-profit programs of the Parkside Community Association, including the Summer Arts Camp for kids, Aging in Place, Crime Prevention, Housing Advocacy, Arts and Crafts Show, Traffic Safety, the renowned Parkside Home Tour and the free Movies in the Meadow series.

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## 2016 PCA Garden Tour Enrollment Form

Gardener Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Address      Street Number / Apartment Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to use garden photos for publicity purposes \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)\*

\* information for internal use only (NOT included in map / guide)

Public viewable garden location(s) (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ (F) FRONT      \_\_\_\_\_ (S) SIDE      \_\_\_\_\_ (B) BACK      \_\_\_\_\_ (P) PORCH of house

Features (check all that apply):

___ Mixed annuals and perennials	___ Zen	___ Shade garden
___ All annuals	___ Rose	___ Container garden
___ All perennials	___ Vegetable	___ Bird friendly
___ Organic and/or water recycling	___ Bulb	___ Greenhouse
___ Herb	___ Water (pond, fountain, stream, etc.)	___ Unusual sculpture or personal accents
	___ Rock	

### Description of Garden for Directory (about 50 words)

Please include any interesting or inspirational notes about your garden and/or outdoor space (e.g. personal features, house history, style, why you should visit, etc.). Make it enticing! This description is included in the directory.

# Parkside Summer Arts Camp

## Applications are now available for the PCA's 2016 Summer Arts Camp!

For more than thirty years, the Parkside Summer Arts Camp has provided quality arts education programming for children during their summer vacations. We hope you will join us in 2016. In order to provide the highest quality arts education for our campers, we will once again be partnering with Young Audiences of Western New York for an array of programming. The artists on the Young Audiences WNY roster are committed to their art and to using it as a tool for learning. For our 2016 program, they will lead our campers in dancing, acting improvisation, drumming, painting, drawing, and more!

For more information, visit [www.parksidebuffalo.org](http://www.parksidebuffalo.org), or call the PCA at 838.1240.

### Session Dates & Times/Location

Session I: July 6–22

Session II: July 25–August 12

Weekdays, 9 am–3 pm

(early drop-off and late pick-up available)

Location: Delaware Park Tot Lot

### The cost of attending one three-week session is as follows:

#### Full registration:

\$330 per child per session if paid by May 13, 2016

\$350 per child per session if paid after May 13, 2016

#### PCA member registration:

\$285 per child per session if paid by May 13, 2016

\$300 per child per session if paid after May 13, 2016

#### Reduced registration:

\$145 per child per session if paid by May 13, 2016

\$150 per child per session if paid after May 13, 2016

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## SUMMER ARTS CAMP 2016

Session One: July 6th—July 22nd    Session Two: July 25th—August 12th

Registration fee of \$330 before May 13th

Reduced registration rates and PCA membership discounts available.

Call our office at (716) 838-1240 or email us at [PCADirector@gmail.com](mailto:PCADirector@gmail.com)

for more information and an application today!





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## **Parkside Community Association Membership Renewal Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Please have someone contact me about the following committee(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Club       | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget & Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Tour      | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology/Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Tour        | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic            |

The 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 online.