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The past year has certainly taken its toll on our Queen City. We remember loved ones taken on May 14th, those we lost during the Blizzard, a family devastated by a fire, and one of our own firefighters lost in the line of duty. Parkside shares the grief of our brothers and sisters across the community. Part of what makes Buffalo special is how each neighborhood is unique, but our fabric is woven together to create this City of Good Neighbors. We are resilient and stronger together.

The PCA's Mission Statement is to advocate, communicate and act on behalf of the Parkside neighborhood to preserve and enhance the quality of life. As we continue to build on this foundation, we offer many ways in which you are able to participate. Our advocacy committee will be hosting a community meeting soon so that we can hear directly from you on the issues that concern you most; see page 4 for more information. Please consider becoming a member of the Parkside Community Association if you aren't already. A membership form is included on the back page, or join online at parksidebuffalo.org. Have you thought about joining our all-volunteer board? We are seeking new members with special skills in finance, board management, planning, and just plain enthusiasm, to name a few. To learn more, email pcadirector@gmail.com.

Our annual meeting in January brought three new members to the PCA's Board of Directors. We welcome Danielle Baranowski, David Bolz, and Dan van der Zee. Thank you to all who attended! From there, we jumped right into several events early on, including the Historic Tax Credit Workshop and our Chili Cook-Off. You can read about these and more on page 3.

We look forward to more exciting activities throughout the summer. Our Movies in the Meadow will be back again in Delaware Park near the Parkside Lodge; we thank the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy for their continued support! We thank GOBike Buffalo for their donation of several bikes to the PCA for distribution; more information on this can be found on page 2. The community yard sale is scheduled for June 3rd and 4th, we hope everyone will enjoy this weekend of thrifting!

The PCA is honored to celebrate its 60th anniversary this year. A special event will take place in the fall, with details to be announced soon. We are grateful to you, our neighbors, and the local businesses & organizations that continue to support us in the work we do on your behalf. With the arrival of Spring and warmer weather, may the opportunity to run into old friends, and meet new ones, bring you a bit of joy.

Sincerely,
The PCA Board of Directors

Upcoming PCA Events

The PCA is excited to announce these family-friendly events throughout 2023! Visit parksidebuffalo.org for more details as they become available.

PCA Partnering with GOBike for Youth Bike Giveaway:

This summer, PCA is partnering with GOBike Buffalo to serve as a distribution point for free rehabilitated bikes to residents of Parkside and the surrounding community. In the coming weeks, PCA will receive 10 bicycles suitable for kids of all ages. PCA will then distribute these bikes to local youth on a needs basis. PCA will launch an application portal soon, so be on the lookout! Additionally, GOBike is providing PCA with a set of all of the necessary tools to maintain the bikes that are given away and the training on how to perform routine repairs. If the recipient of a bike under this program experiences a flat tire, broken chain, or other common issue, PCA will repair the bike back to working order!



2nd Annual Parkside Community Yard Sale:

Join your neighbors in this years Community Yard Sale! This June 3rd & 4th Parkside will host a community wide yard sale. Maps will be available for pickup at local Parkside businesses, or available on our website. Delaware District Bulk Trash is scheduled for the week of June 4th.



Movies in the Meadow Lineup:

- Friday, August 4: Toy Story
- Friday, August 11: Top Gun Maverick
- Friday, August 18: Ghostbusters
- Friday, August 25: Hook



Have you noticed our new logo? 2023 marks our 60th Anniversary! This year we are planning a celebration for the whole community. If you are interested in volunteering for the party prep reach out to the PCA Office.



What the PCA has been up to?



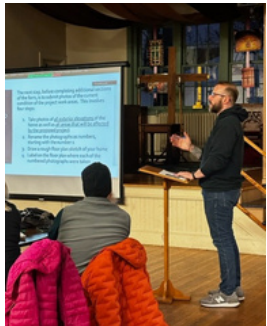
2nd Annual Snow Sculpture Contest

We kicked 2023 off with our 2nd Annual Snow Sculpture Contest. Congrats to Team Cadzow for winning this years prize, a Gift Certificate to **Explore & More**.



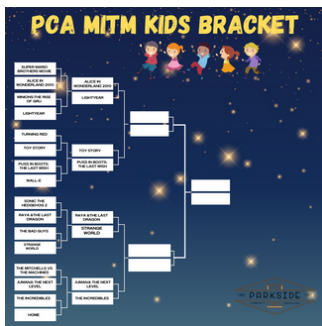
Chili Cook-Off

On March 4th, the PCA hosted our 11th Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser! A great time was had by all. "Best Overall Chili" went to Greg Miller of Willowlawn St, "Most Creative Chili" went to Brandon Baranowski of Amherst St, and the "Peoples Choice Chili" went to Andy Camay of Summit Ave. The PCA was also able to "Pass the Boot" for Buffalo Firefighter, Jason Arno, raising \$200 for his family.



Historic Tax Credit Workshop

Did you know that Parkside homeowners are eligible to receive a tax credit under the New York State Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Tax Credit equal to 20% of qualified home rehabilitation expenses? On March 11th, PCA Board Member, Earl Cantwell put together a presentation to educate the community on this amazing program! A recording of the the workshop can be found on our website.



Movies in the Meadow March Madness

We decided to spice things up this year and let the people decide what films would be featured this year. The first week of March we launched our very own version of March Madness! 64 films down to 4! Over 400 votes were cast by folks looking to have a say and we couldn't be happier with the results.

No Mow May

No Mow May is a movement in which homeowners delay mowing their lawns throughout the month of May. This delay is helpful because it allows your lawn and the various plants in it to flower. Those flowers provide much needed food to bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. To combat any perceived eyesores and possible complaints from neighbors who weren't aware of the program the PCA created "No Mow May" lawn signs.



Committee Announcements:

Community Advocacy:

This Summer, the PCA is officially re-launching its Community Advocacy committee. You do not need to be a PCA member to participate in the committee. Our goal is to hear and understand concerns from all residents and, based on these, develop a plan to take action to better our community. Be on the lookout for a community meeting in June to begin the community discussion around issues and advocacy.



Membership and Fundraising:

Membership and Fundraising - The PCA Membership and Fundraising committee is diligently working behind the scenes to empower the PCA to do more. This means new initiatives to increase members, strengthen business partnerships and reach out to new sponsors for upcoming programming. Supporting the PCA is a great way to get the word out about your local business! If you are interested in finding out more, stop by the office or reach out via email at pcadirector@gmail.com.

Community Announcements:



The PCA is happy to announce this year's **Slow Roll Buffalo** ride in the Historic Parkside Neighborhood will take place on Monday May 22, 2023 at 6:30pm. The fourth of 27 straight free and inclusive Monday night community bike rides brings us back to Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House, the jewel of the Parkside neighborhood, part of the Scajaquada Corridor. Join us for a 10-mile round trip ride with two stops along the corridor, returning to the Martin House for a party with food, drinks, vendors, live music and fellowship.



The Church of the Good Shepherd will be hosting their 117th Strawberry Festival on Sat, 6/17/23 from 4pm to 7pm. There will be games for kids, entertainment from a banjo band, fresh strawberry shortcake, a basket raffle, & there will be a BW's Chicken Barbecue which will include ½ barbecue chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll & butter. Tickets are \$13.50 presale & \$15.00 the day of the event. Presale is strongly recommended! Email GoodShepBBQ@gmail.com with questions or go to www.goodshepherdbuffalo.org



Over the past year, the PCA has partnered with **UB** and **Massachusetts Avenue Project (MAP)** on the Veggie Van Study. The purpose of this project is to understand the impact of a mobile market on communities with reduced food access, as well as how non-profits and similar agencies can operate mobile markets efficiently in these communities. Parkside is currently in the planning phase of the study and it is our hopes that it will be decided that Parkside is ideal for MAP's mobile market based on community feedback. Keep an eye on our socials for more updates!



Did you know that Parkside is within walking distance to one of Buffalo's free community refrigerators? **Buffalo Community Fridge** is a mutual aid network of community fridges dedicated to giving Buffalo communities access to fresh and healthy food. The fridge and pantry is conveniently located at Buffalo Collegiate Charter School, 45 Jewett Avenue. "Take what you want, leave what you don't."

Snow Angels Update



20 Angels, 20 Homes

The Parkside Snow Angels has completed our seventh winter of providing volunteers to clear the snow from the sidewalks, front steps, and porches of our neighbors who need assistance. This year, our 20 volunteers helped out 20 households. We also provided free ice melt compound for many of the neighbors. The Snow Angel program is a free service of the Parkside Community Association.

Thank you to our generous and energetic Snow Angels!



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How to Support the PCA!



Make a tax-deductible donation online at parksidebuffalo.org or by mailing a check to 2318 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14214.



Looking for a way to maintain and improve life in Parkside? Consider joining the PCA's Board of Directors. As you can see in this newsletter, the PCA provides many services, and these activities all can use extra hands. We welcome your experience and talent to help develop ideas for new activities, too. And it's fun to get to know more Parksiders! Call or email the office to find out how you can become involved.



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