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16th Annual Parkside Tour of Homes



The Parkside Community Association is the oldest, largest and most active neighborhood associations in the City of Buffalo.

The Parkside Community Association presents the 16th Annual Tour of Homes on Sunday, May 18th from 11:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Tickets are \$15 in advance for PCA members and \$20 in advance for non-members.

Advance tickets can be obtained by visiting the PCA office, 2318 Main Street in Buffalo, by calling the office at 838-1240 during regular business hours, or online at www.parksidebuffalo.org.

Proceeds benefit the continuing work of the Parkside Community Association.

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The Parkside area contains superb examples of such diverse architectural styles such as the American Four Square, Victorian, Colonial Revival, Craftsman, and the Arts & Crafts bungalow. The 1880 thru 1930 building period includes designs by prominent local architects E.B. Green and William Sydney Wicks.

Parkside is adjacent to Frederick Law Olmsted's Delaware Park, the Buffalo Zoo, and the Main-Amherst business district.

Scajaquada Project **Meeting Slated**

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), will host a public meeting on Wednesday, April 9th, 2014, to discuss a proposed project to transform NY Route 198, the Scajaquada Expressway, from an urban expressway to an urban boulevard in the city of Buffalo.

The information session will run from 5 pm until 8 pm at the Bulger Communications Center at Buffalo State College, located at 1300 Elmwood Avenue in the city of Buffalo. The meeting will include informational displays and a formal presentation on the

project, which w i l l start at 6 pm. Department

representatives will be present to receive comments and answer individual questions.

The purpose of this project is to transform the Scajaquada Expressway into a functional urban

boulevard that operates in a safe manner, and is in greater harmony with the surrounding community character and natural environment. This involves providing improved visual and functional connectivity between the various features and resources throughout the adjacent area. Vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian and public transportation would be better connected to provide additional opportunities for public access.

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain comments on the transportation alternatives being studied from

> individuals, groups, officials a n d local agencies.

For further information, or to request a sign language interpreter or assistive listening system, please contact Frank Billittier, assistant design engineer, at 847-3222.

Judy Summer Concert Series

"Judy Summer Concert Series" with Buffalo Chamber Players Free Noon Hour Concert series @ Central Library Auditorium, 1 Lafayette Square.

Thursday, April 10th -CHARLES REEDY JAZZ QUINTET of the Colored Musicians Club - Charles Reedy started playing at the historic Colored Musicians Club in 1947 and has performed with many local greats, including legendary saxophonist Spider Martin, pianist Al Tinney, C.Q.Price Big Band, CMC Jazz All-Stars Band, and the George Scott Big Band.

Friday, April 25th - BUF-FALO STATE CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLES Small performing groups such as the woodwind, brass, and string ensembles give students from Buffalo State College the opportunity to explore the wealth of repertoire by Mozart, Beethoven, Villa-Lobos, Lennon-McCartney. Nelhýbel and Bach. Perfection and creativity at its best!

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HNBBA To Hold Monthly Meeting

located at 1510 Hertel North Hertel Buffalo Business Asso-Avenue, starting promptly at 6:00 ciation will hold their PM. All monthly are meeting on vited and welcome Tuesday, April 8, in to their office tend.

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Damn Yankees

cruel crusader cloaked in crimson, Cataract City comics connoisseur Paul Bene swoops onto the Ellicott Creek Playhouse stage, a firetruck on hooves, eyes agleam beneath prehensile eyebrows in search of souls to extinguish. Win or lose, "Damn Yankees" is his to command.

Among the region's prime purveyors of graphic literature, Bene draws an indelibly tough act to follow. Co-operation, hat's a different ballgame. Colleagues ricochet off him like doubles to the wall, and in less time than Bison ballgame (same price, better concessions), the fans head home humming.

"Damn Yankees" has at least two scores in the musical-memory Hall of Fame - "You Gotta Have Heart" and "Whatever Lola Wants." Director Fran Newton honors them, and the show, with a dictum conveyed in every

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locker room: Play within yourself and have fun.

Long before the "Evil Empire," there was this `50s-novel Rocket Man read as a college freshman, a fantasy about underworld influence, with an overlying love story and endorsement of virtue. "I Thought About the Game," the baseball quartet harmonizes, recalling how its purity proscribed bad behavior. Yeah, right. Those were, as another song goes, "The Good Old Days," if ever.

Beyond the cigarettes that pop up at a fingersnap, Niagara Regional Theater Guild makes much magic, notably the cottage that switch-hits to clubhouse at the turn of a wheel, and the old fan's transformation to young ballplayer. Newton and John Panepinto turn that as deftly as any double play ever chanced by Tinker and Evers.

Cassandra Grizanti gets both under and into

the skin of slinky Lola, her solo "A Little Talent" belying her considerable skills. Kim Ehrenberg, Newton and director Panepinto create a threepart harmony in "A Man Doesn't Know" that's plaintive enough to provoke tear-duct rain delay. In a role quicker than a 1-2-3 inning, St. Joseph's Steve Jakiel rules as commissioner.

Legendary scout Cy Williams insisted "it's the little imperfections that make the game a thrill," so: The five-piece Ellicott Creek Philharmonic (bravo to violinist Kathryn Ratka) outplays a few cleverer lyrics, the players' spikes don't match, the lockers could use more equipment, the major-league announcer sounds minor-league to Rocket Man and Kansas City wasn't even in the league then

The musical you can swear by, it runs through April 13, at 550 Ellicott Creek Rd., Tonawanda. Signal back to Rocket Man via pollyndoug@hotmail.com



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Ralph Wilson

With the passing of Ralph Wilson, people outside of Buffalo wonder what is going to happen to the Buffalo Bills football franchise. I get that question asked almost daily as I golf here in Florida with men from all over the Northeast. Most have their own favorite NFL team and the one that is heavily represented is the (ugh) New England Patriots. Lots of Massachusetts people are winter residents and fellow snow birds. Of the many there is only one Bostonian who gets under my skin with his remarks about the Patriots, the Boston Bruins hockey team and of course the Boston Red Sox baseball team. He has plenty

of ammunition as they are all on top and the best. One time on the fifteenth tee he said to me, "if you want to see the Super Bowl champs, the Stanley cup, or the World Series champs, you come to Boston. What do you see if you go to Buffalo? Nothing but a bunch of losers." In spite of wanting to hit him with my driver, I had to realize he is right. The play of the Bills is bad enough but now we have the pitiful Sabres who are destined to possibly be the worst team in Hockey, ever. I am happy to say he is the only one of dozens from Mass and the others are good friends. They know enough to not bring up sports in a conversa-

Getting back to Ralph Wilson, he once bought me a drink. Many years ago in the mid to late sixties, being a rabid Bills fan, I joined the Buffalo Bills booster club. It was newly formed and they met once a month to support the

Buffalo. It was so long ago I do not recall where they met. At that time it was not unusual for some of the Bills players to actually attend without formal planning. And Mr. Ralph himself used to show up on occasion. My recollection is standing at the bar next to Mr. Wilson and asking how things were shaping up. He went on to say how much he was losing on the football team. No one is quite aware of the expense that it cost to run such and operation. But even then I speculated that the \$35,000 he invested to form the team may some day be worth millions. Did not take a dummy like me to tell him something he was well aware of. With that he bought me a drink and of course now we know the selling price is in the hundreds of millions.

fledging franchise here in

The other time was at the Strike game here in Buffalo. Only about 8000 fans showed up to see the replacement players put on a pathetic performance of professional football. Worst than the teams that are now wearing Buffalo Bills uniforms. So Mr. Wilson had a box on the fifty yard line and in this game the front was wide open. He stood there and shook hands with the fans

that were in attendance and thanked them for their presence. It was one of those things where you are on the fence as to support the franchise or support the players. We chose to support Mr. Wilson.

We feel that he did more for the city of Buffalo than most any resident. He brought a major league franchise to a smaller market. He brought glamour and recognition to our beloved city. Not to mention the economic impact. When he was the acting president of the franchise we went to four straight Super Bowls. As soon as he stepped down, the team went in the tank and has been there ever since. We have not been to a playoff game since he relinquished the reins of the Bills. Many do not know that. Too bad it had to happen, but the man was eighty at the time. Probably figured he wanted to enjoy his remaining years. Turned out to be almost fifteen and who would have thought that. I am sure there have been a lot written up north about Mr. Wilson and I hope it is all good. Just wanted to add my contribution and remarks. Thank you Mr. Wilson and may you rest in peace.

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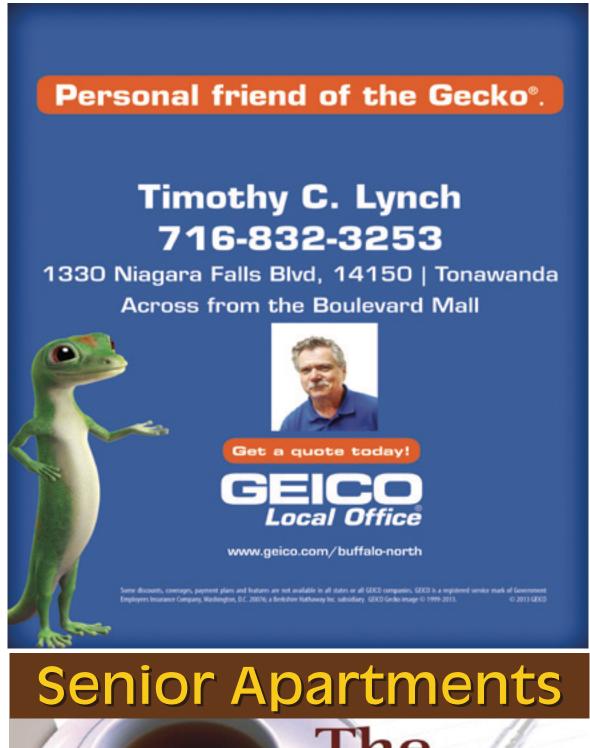
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Buffalo's only low cost, walk-in wellness clinic for dogs and cats is now open at 1245 Niagara Street. West Side Pet Clinic concentrates on basic health care while educating the public on proper pet maintenance.

West Side Pet Clinic is introducing a whole new model in high quality pet wellness care. It is the brainchild of Dr. Reed Stevens, who also owns Ellicott Small Animal Hospital. Stevens and his business partner, Dr. Susan Sickels, recognized that there were several companion animal care needs not currently addressed by the animal hospitals in the area: "Not all pet owners need or want the care provided by a full service animal hospital.

The concept for West Side Pet Clinic is similar to that of a human neighborhood clinic," says Stevens. "Because we are focusing on routine veterinary visits, overhead costs are low, and the savings are passed onto the clients. There are not any surprises with our cost to the clients. The prices are clearly posted both at the clinic and online."

Due to the increased complexity of owners' lives, WSPC operates on a walk-in basis only without appointments. Clients and pets are able to arrive when their schedule permits on Monday through Friday from 10 am to 5 pm. A real-time feed of the waiting room can be viewed from the website (www.westsidepetsbuffalo. com) in order to allow for clients to gauge the wait

"We know most people are concerned about regular family health," says Stevens. "A pet is part of the family. We want to be sure pet owners understand their dog's or cat's health care needs, and establish a routine of regular attention at a reasonable cost." He points out that there are an increasing number of oneday pet clinics that provide vaccines and other services. However, pet owners often feel abandoned if their pet develops a problem later. It is essential to establish a plan for routine health care, educate owners, and build a relationship with a veterinarian for the long term."

Pet health care also includes good manners and basic training that is important to start from an early age. Dr. Sickels specializes in animal behavior. "With the popularity of TV shows like The Dog Whisperer, pet owners are beginning to understand that they are (or should be) in control of their pet's behavior," she says. "It's part of overall healthy lifestyle for the entire family and community."

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The Western & Central New York Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma **Society** announced that Norm Orlowski, Jr., President of Erie and Niagara Insurance Association will serve as Chairman of their

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The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in Buffalo & Erie County monthly educational meeting for families of people living with mental illness will held on Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4007 Main St., Amherst, 14226. NAMI Family Support Groups, Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 pm, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4007 Main St., Amherst, 14226. Call the NAMI office at 226-6264 for further information.

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On:Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 11:00

A.M. for BID #13-14-095 Deli Meats & Snack Items for Sum-

mer Meal Program
On: Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 2:30
P.M. for BID #13-14-096

P.M. for BID #13-14-096
Packaging Materials for Prepared
Foods for Summer Meal Program
On: Thursday, April 24, 2014 at

11:00 A.M. for BID #13-14-098 Spring Sporting Goods On:Monday, April 14, 2014 at 11:00

A.M. for BID #13-14-099 Computer & Audio Visual Supplies and Equipment for Information

Technology Department Specifications and bid forms are available at www.buffaloschools. org/PurchaseDept.cfm

Craig A. Koeppel Director of Purchase

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of a limited liability company: The name of the Limited Liability Company is CUSTOM CREATIONS OF WNY, LLC; its Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on January 14, 2014; the County within New York in which its office is to be located is Erie; the Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served: the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail the process is C/O CUSTOM CREATIONS OF WNY, LLC, 4289 Connection Dr. Williamsville, NY 14221; the purpose of its business is all legal activities.

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P.S. 37: Futures Academy Project 0091-014

P.S. 91: B.U.I.L.D. Academy Project 0094-015

P.S. 94: West Hertel Academy
Project 0050-007
P.S. 99: Stanley M Makowski F.C.

P.S. 99: Stanley M Makowski ECC Project 0204-021

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3X). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

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