



The 2023 Grand Marshal - Jim Wannemacher & Bishop Michael Fisher share a traditional photo with other members of the UIAA Executive Committee.

The United Irish American Association (UIAA) is delighted to announce the return of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday, March 19th on Delaware Avenue in the City of Buffalo at 2:00pm.

The United Irish American Association (UIAA) elected Jim Wannemacher of West Seneca as Grand Marshal for the 2023 Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Jim and his family are very excited and proud to be selected for this once



in a lifetime honor!

The Parade will be on Sunday, March 19th at 2PM on Delaware Avenue in the City of Buffalo. The day will start with Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Fisher and Fr. David Richards at Saint Joseph's Cathedral at 10:30 AM. Parade participants will line up near the McKinley Monument, at 2PM they will proceed north on Delaware Avenue to North Street.

The UIAA along with

the City of Buffalo are optimistic that the Parade will go on as scheduled. Our concerns for the health and safety of both the participants and the viewing public are paramount. We encourage all participants and attendees to follow the COVID protocols recommended by the CDC, New York State, Erie County and the City of Buffalo.

The Parade Theme for this year will be "Hail to St. Patrick! God Bless America & Support Our Troops. Honor Our Frontline Workers".

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## SPRING INTO SAFETY: Time To Change Your Clocks— And Check Your Smoke Alarms

On Sunday, March 12th (Daylight Saving Time), New Yorkers will set their clocks forward one hour. The Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) is urging everyone to check their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors at that time. Homeowners with alarms that have sealed, non-remov-

able batteries should test the alarms to see if they are functional and check their expiration dates. Alarms equipped with removable batteries should have their batteries replaced and then test the alarm.

New York State currently leads the nation in home fire deaths, with 36 deaths in the first

two months of 2023. In an emergency, working smoke detectors are a resident's first line of defense and can give people critical time to escape. According to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) three of every five home fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms or

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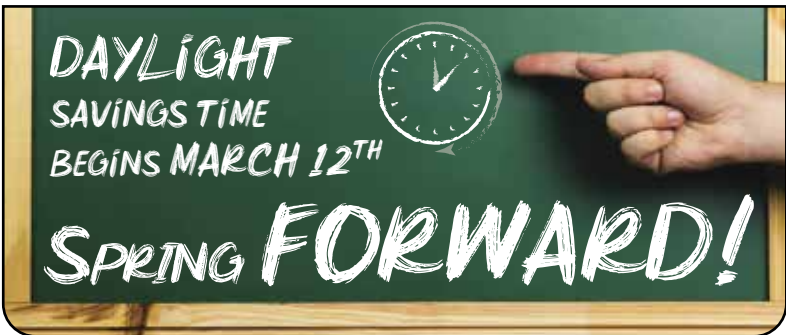
## The 28th Old Neighborhood St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Valley Community Association (VCA) is excited to announce that Margaret "Peg" Overdorf and Michael Mulqueen will lead the 28th Annual Old Neighborhood St. Patrick's Day Parade through the historic Valley and Old First Ward neighborhoods as Grand Marshals on March 18, 2023. The pair will be celebrated for their dedication and service to the community during a pre-parade fundraiser

party on Saturday, February 25.

Overdorf and Mulqueen met thirty years ago where Overdorf shared her dream of celebrating her Irish heritage and bringing together the community through a St. Patrick's Day parade. Mulqueen's experience in the Police Emerald Society made him the perfect connection as he was able to shepherd Overdorf through

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## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



March, 1993. FRANK'S SUNNY ITALY HOLDS ST. JOSEPH DAY FEAST...Frank's Sunny Italy, at 2491 Delaware Ave., held its annual St. Joseph's Day table Monday at the restaurant. Donations totalling \$1,248 were collected for Children's Hospital. The Sclafani family displayed the event.

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH	FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH	SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH	SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH	MONDAY, MARCH 13TH	TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH
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# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

**North Buffalo**  
**March 5, 2023**  
Delaware Avenue – Victim reports that defendant did cause damage to window by unknown means. Defendant was located at 2543 Delaware Avenue. Appearance ticket issued.

**March 4, 2023**  
Delaware Avenue – On 2/10/2023 at approximately 1447 hours at 2152 Delaware Avenue (Marshall's) defendant did select \$531.79 from the store rack and did pass all points of purchase without any attempt to pay and then exited the store with stolen merchandise under their arms. Loss prevention staff did meet her outside of the store and identify her from stealing from the store multiple times in the past. Loss prevention and the store are requesting an order of protection due to the amount of times defendant has stolen from the store. Stolen items were not recovered.

**March 4, 2023**  
Amherst Street – Defendant did take without permission \$283.95 worth of lobster tails and candy. Defendant did pass all points of purchase without paying for same.

**March 4, 2023**  
Kenmore Avenue - While officers were driving on patrol traveling east-bound on Kenmore Avenue officers did witness the defendant punch the victim in the face and attempt to run inside his residence at 1792 Kenmore Avenue. Officers apprehended the defendant and placed him into custody. Upon further

investigation it was discovered that there is a refrain from assaulting victim order of protection in place issued by the honorable judge presiding.

**March 3, 2023**  
Delaware Avenue – Complainant states defendant did take approximately \$31.65 of merchandise from the 7/11 convenience store at 2731 Delaware Avenue and did pass all points of purchase. Defendant apprehended at 2635 Delaware Avenue with stolen merchandise on their person.

**March 2, 2023**  
Delaware Avenue – On 2/24/23 defendant did take \$420.85 worth of merchandise from Marshall's and passed all points of purchase without rendering payment for said merchandise.

**West Side**  
**March 3, 2023**  
Baynes Street – Complainant states that her and defendant were involved in a verbal argument. The complainant then locked herself in the bathroom to get away from defendant. The defendant then did kick the bathroom door down and then took all of the complainant's medication and dumped it down the drain.

**March 3, 2023**  
Hopkins Street – Officers responded to gun call at 10 Hertel apartment 504. Victim states defendant did knock on her door with black/blue handgun after threatening to come over and kill her. A district officers did stop defendant's vehicle at Hopkins and Ambina and defendant was placed in

custody.  
**Riverside**  
**March 5, 2023**  
Grove Street – Subject did reportedly verbally threaten, harass and annoy victim/complainant by threatening to "kill" complainant, "beat her ass" and "break down her door". Subject did throw a cellphone at complainant's head, striking her in head.

**March 5, 2023**  
Grove Street – Complainant and co-defendant have had ongoing issues and verbal altercations. Co-defendant called above defendant (daughter) to residence where both complainant and co-defendant live. Defendant did kick complainant's door yelling and harassing complainant. Defendant did kick complainant's door in, intentionally damaging property having no right to do so. Appearance ticket issued.

**March 4, 2023**  
Sheridan Drive – Subject picked up by Town of Tonawanda for violation

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of court order. Defendant had active Buffalo warrant.  
**March 4, 2023**  
Elmwood Avenue – Complainant states that defendant did take without permission her backpack from her shopping cart containing cellphone, purse with credit cards and medication. Witnesses state they saw defendant in possession of backpack and house video of defendant in possession of the backpack.  
**March 4, 2023**  
Elmwood Avenue – Defendant did engage in a verbal argument with the victim and did then strike victim with his right fist in victim's left cheek causing a laceration.

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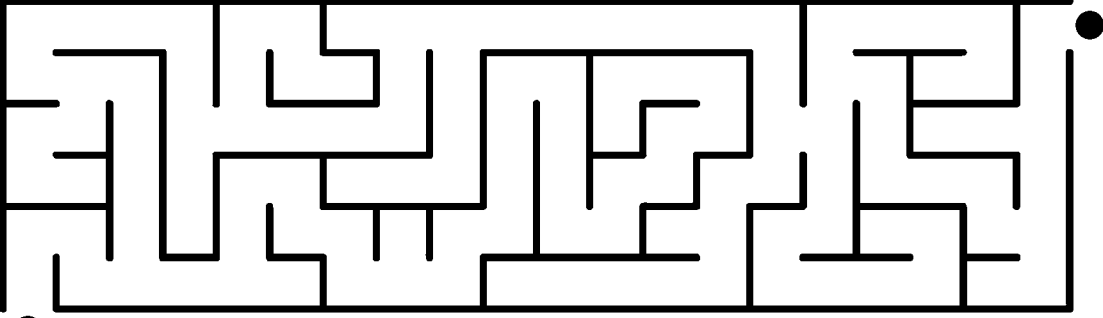
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# Kids' Maze



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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

1 Two-wheeler  
5 Bumped into  
8 Pack (down)  
12 Ireland  
13 Peyton's brother  
14 "The Time Machine" people  
15 Octopus arm  
17 Lunch hour  
18 Request  
19 IV measures  
20 Must-haves  
21 Chai, e.g.  
22 Vagrant  
23 More recent  
26 Goddess of wisdom  
30 Tehran's country  
31 Sly one  
32 Tidy  
33 Workshop cutter  
35 Rock  
36 Very long time  
37 Possesses  
38 Brainy  
41 Small barrel  
42 "The Wedding Planner" actress, to fans  
45 New York's – Field  
46 Bicycle type  
48 N. Mex. neighbor  
49 – Lingus

## DOWN

1 Test version  
2 Enrages  
3 Neck problem  
4 Tolkien creature  
5 Pilgrimage site  
6 Building wings  
7 Dead heat  
8 Some urban homes  
9 Medicinal  
10 Disposition  
11 Bowling targets  
16 Computer brand  
20 Convent manager  
21 Prepare meat for cooking  
22 Beiderbecke of jazz  
23 Pen tip  
24 Mound stat  
25 Pallid  
26 Trim the grass  
27 Old Oldsmobile  
28 Moving day rental  
29 Packed away  
31 Summer cooler  
34 Drunkard  
35 Droops  
37 Ford or Hudson  
38 Ella's style  
39 Surrealist  
40 Bickering  
41 Fall (over)  
42 Ryan of "Boston Public"  
43 Tragic king  
44 Probability  
46 Light touch  
47 "Frontline" airer

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## Ask Rusty – Cutting Social Security Will Make Me Lose My Home!

**Dear Rusty:** *Politicians are talking about taking money from Social Security, but I need that money to support my daughter and pay for my home. I'm a widow, and my husband passed in 2017. I'll lose my home if my Social Security benefits are cut. Please help.*  
**Signed: Widowed Senior**

**Dear Widowed Senior:** Despite what you might read or hear in the media, the main threat for you to lose any of your Social Security money is if Social Security is not reformed. In that case, everyone who receives benefits will see a cut of about 23% to their monthly benefit starting in about 2034. The way to avoid that is by updating the current Social Security law to address two primary issues:

People now live much longer than when Social Security was enacted in 1935 and when the last major program change occurred in 1983. Average life expectancy of beneficiaries today is mid-80s, compared to mid-60s when the program started. In other words, people now collect benefits for much longer (often decades longer) than the program is designed to support.

The number of workers contributing to the program is growing much slower than the growth in beneficiaries receiving benefits. That means the ratio of contributors to recipients is much less now than it has been in the past, which means program costs are growing faster than incoming revenue.

The reality is that reform is necessary now to avoid cuts to everyone's benefits later. But here's a very important point that should comfort you – any reform enacted will almost certainly affect only those who have not yet claimed their Social Security benefits. That means you should not be affected because you're already receiving benefits, and you will continue to do so at the same amount except for the increases you will get from Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA). Every Social Security change ever made has affected only future beneficiaries, not current ones. The only real threat to your Social Security benefit is if no changes are made and, even then, any cuts wouldn't happen until about 2034.

So please rest assured that your personal Social Security benefits will not be cut. Anything you hear now implying otherwise is a scare tactic designed to make headlines for political gain. The program must be reformed or face insolvency in a bit more than 10 years, and that is what both Republicans and Democrats want to prevent. The difference between the parties is that one side wants to solve the problem mainly by raising Social Security payroll taxes on workers, whereas the other side wants to adjust the program to deal with the above two factors causing the problem. What is needed is bipartisan cooperation to reach a compromise,

which Congress will hopefully eventually achieve. They already know how to fix Social Security; they just need to find the bipartisan spirit needed to do so. For its part, the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) has, for years, proposed changes that would restore Social Security to full solvency without raising taxes on American workers, and AMAC's proposal has been well received by many in Congress. If you wish to

review AMAC's proposal, please go to [www.amac.us/social-security/](http://www.amac.us/social-security/).

In any case, contrary to what you might hear in the media, your current Social Security benefits should not be negatively affected by any future Social Security reform enacted.

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# Stefan Mychajliw

## Guest Columnist

# That Others May Live

It was approximately 10:05 AM on Wednesday, March 1st, when yours truly and Erie County Republican Chairman Michael Kracker walked outside of GOP headquarters located on Main Street in downtown Buffalo, right next to Tupper.

We are old friends, and decided to catch up for coffee. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary when we walked towards the front of the building, where my car was parked right outside on Main.

I covered a lot of “spot news” as a television news reporter back in Syracuse and here at home in Buffalo, and saw the best and worst of humanity, along with many shootings, accidents, and plenty of fires.

As soon as Michael and I opened the door and turned right, we saw thick, massive clouds billowing from a building right next to us. Fire trucks and police cars were rushing to the scene. We heard lots of breaking glass, an explosion, and screeching sirens.

This fire was far different than anything I experienced as a news reporter. More often than not we approached “breaking news” after it happened. In the old days an Assignment Editor or Producer had to listen to police and fire scanners for emergencies.

They would in turn dispatch us to cover news like a fire.

Since my brother was a retired Buffalo Firefighter, I knew a lot of the firemen in my reporting days. We were always respectful in trying to obtain video and information from a structure fire, without impeding the important job of first responders whose main mission was to save lives.

Most times we stayed behind police tape or took video a safe distance away.

When Michael and I saw the raging fire and smoke billowing from the Main Street building in downtown Buffalo, nothing impeded us from walking right up to it. We didn’t, but it just felt so strange being right there as this structure was fully engulfed.

I immediately called and texted a dear family friend who is a Captain in the Buffalo Fire Department, someone I knew would be at this fire. I went to high school with Buffalo Firefighter Jonathan Croom, who made the ultimate sacrifice battling a blaze in 2009. My friend who is a Captain also knew Jonathan well. Any time there’s a big fire or massive emergency, I always think of and pray for both of these guys.

Every single time first responders leave their homes to protect us and keep us

safe, they have no idea whether or not they will make it back safely to their own homes.

Tragically, Buffalo Firefighter Jason Daniel Arno lost his life in that fire. He leaves behind his wife Sarah-Liz and their three-year-old daughter Olivia.

The heroes of both the Buffalo Fire Department and the Buffalo Police Department do not “protect and serve” for the paycheck. Their selfless sacrifice and mission goes far deeper than that. They risk life and limb so that we can live freely and safely. Tragically, this became a harsh reality once again for the Buffalo Fire Department.

Our collective hearts break for Arno’s surviving family. A little girl will only know her father from stories passed down from loved ones about what a hero he was in life, and how he will never, ever be forgotten in death. Her father will not be there to celebrate birthdays, walk her down the aisle at her wedding, or just hold her hand when she needs it most.

As for Arno’s surviving family, you can support his wife and daughter via GoFundMe. Using a search engine, type in “The family of Buffalo Firefighter Jason Arno” and “GoFundMe.” If that’s not possible, that’s ok. The power of prayer is strong, needed, and doesn’t cost a thing.

The Latin motto adopted by the Buffalo Fire Department is “Ut Vivant Alii:” that others may live. May God bless Jonathan Croom, Jason Arno, and all first responders who valiantly put their lives on the line just so that “we may live.”

# St. Patrick’s Day Parade

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The 2023 Saint Patrick’s Day Parade is dedicated to the memory of Margret O’Sullivan. Margaret was a graduate of St. Teresa’s School, Mt. Mercy Academy and Trocaire College. She was an IT Analyst with Merchants Insurance Group and Spokesperson for Upstate New York Transplant Services. Above all, Margaret cherished the time she spent with her children, grandchildren and family. She was the daughter of the late Patrick O’Sullivan and Janet (Carlin) O’Sullivan and mother of Heather Pascall-Nagy. Margaret’s devoted companion was Peter Heffernan. The Saint Patrick’s Day Parade was always a major event in Margaret’s family. She had a very long history of

enjoying and working on the Parade. We were very lucky to have Margaret as a Division Marshal coordinating Division 4 for many years, always willing to help where needed and always bringing that forever smile. Over the years she always made the effort to gather family and friends to help with the Parade to honor their heritage.

Margaret’s mom Janet O’Sullivan, daughter Heather Pascall-Nagy and devoted companion Peter Heffernan will lead the loving contingent of siblings, grandchildren, extended family and friends marching in memory of Margaret in the 2023 Saint Patrick’s Day Parade.

For more information please visit [buffalostpatricksdaysparade.com](http://buffalostpatricksdaysparade.com).

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Joe's Panini Grill.....3024 Delaware Avenue  
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North Buffalo Dental.....1600 Hertel Avenue  
North Park Library.....975 Hertel Avenue  
Parkside Community Center.....2318 Main Street  
Paul Wolf Agency.....2890 Delaware Avenue  
Plaka Restaurant.....2904 Delaware Avenue  
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Doyle's Deli.....1981 Niagara Street  
Faso Restaurant.....2126 Niagara Street  
Fast Stop Food Mart.....236 Military Road  
First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue  
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**The Altar & Rosary Society**, located at All Saints Church, in Riverside, @ 127 Chadduck Avenue off Ontario Street is sponsoring a **SPRING FLING** on Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 11:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M., in the school's Shaw Auditorium. We are having Trinkets & Treasures Rummage Sale (no Clothes.). We are also having A Chinese Auction, a raffle with gift cards and a \$50.00 bill, a 50/50 tickets sale. Hot dogs, nachos and cheese, ice cream bars, chips baked goods will be served from 11:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. Coffee, Tea and Soda Pop will also be served. Free admission and parking in the parish parking lot at 127 Chadduck Avenue off will Ontario Street. Please call (716) 876-7015 for information.

**Dog Ears Bookstore & Café** will once again offer a free after school youth program for students in grades 3-8 beginning Feb. 28. Three different days of programming will be offered by grade group. Tuesdays will feature programs for students in grades 3 and 4, Wednesdays will be targeted towards students in grades 5 and 6, and Thursdays will be reserved for students in grades 7 and 8. All sessions will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and are limited to 20 students per day. All sessions will be taught by literacy specialists and New York State Certified English Language Arts teachers. All class materials will be provided, along with a small snack. Pre-registration is required and youth are expected to attend each week. Parents can sign up their children by calling the bookstore at 823-2665. When signing up, please make sure to indicate

which day your child will be attending. The free after school program is made possible through funding by the Erie County Youth Bureau.

**The Kenmore Village Improvement Society (KVIS)** is seeking recipes to be included in the Kenton Cookbook. The Kenton Cookbook is a way for a person of any age to have a recipe published for others to make and enjoy. Everyone who submits a recipe before April 1, 2023 will be entered to win one of five prizes. You can submit your recipe on the KVIS website at: <https://www.villageofkenmore.com/kenton-cookbook.html> The KVIS meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 pm. Meetings are by Zoom until May when in person meetings will resume.

**The Hull Family Home Farmstead** in Lancaster is looking for volunteers to be docents for the 2023 season. Training will take place at the site, 5862 Genesee Street, from 1:00- 4:00 on Sunday, March 19 and Sunday, April 2. To register or for further information, please contact Suzanne Jacobs at 716-681-5494 or [sjacobs@hullfamily-home.org](mailto:sjacobs@hullfamily-home.org).

**Pasta Dinner Fundraisers supporting the Hertel Business Association** on Tuesday, March 21st. Pre-Sale only. Purchase tickets online at [Hertel-Ave.com](http://Hertel-Ave.com). Eat in: 2 seatings 5:00pm - 6:30pm or takeaway. \$20 per person. The Garage Bar & Restaurant, 1127 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo, NY

**Buffalo Public Schools** in association with HERE, The Hispanic Heritage Council, and The Belle Center is offering informational sessions for the community to learn more about being a Teacher Aide in the district. The district is always looking for Teacher Aides and Bilingual or Multilingual Teacher Aides to join our teams. You can apply at [www.buffaloschools.org/teachaides](http://www.buffaloschools.org/teachaides). Join us on Friday March 3rd from 6-8 pm at The Belle Center, 104 Maryland Street, or Friday March 10th from 6-8 pm at

West Hertel Academy, 489 Hertel Avenue.

**Ten Lives Club** is hosting their 21st Annual Furball on Sunday, March 19th from 1pm to 4pm at the Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Company Banquet Hall located at 3281 Lakeshore Rd, Blasdell, NY 14219. At this event, there will be more than 70 Theme Raffle Baskets, Buy-It-Now, 50/50, three Special Raffles, bake sale and more. For more information about this event, please call their Main Shelter at (716) 646-5577 ext. 2.

**“Bodyslams in Buffalo: The Complete History of Pro Wrestling in WNY”** by author Dan Murphy. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:30 pm at the Cazenovia Neighborhood Library, 155 Cazenovia Street, Buffalo 14210. Former Pro Wrestling Illustrated Senior Writer Dan Murphy will discuss the unique history of professional wrestling in Western New York, from Ed Don George and Jim Londos filling Bison Stadium in 1932 to WWE and AEW thrilling audiences in 2023. Dan will discuss names like Ilio DiPaolo, Dick “The Destroyer” Beyer, and Cora Livingston, as well as current stars like Beth Phoenix, The Butcher and The Blade, and Daniel Garcia, and examine wrestling’s lasting popularity in Buffalo. Dan Murphy will be signing copies of his book. Reserve your spot by calling 716-821-0564.

**Springtime in the Country** hours will be 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Fairgrounds Event Center in Hamburg. Admission is \$9 for adults and seniors and complimentary return passes are available at the event’s information booth. Children under 12 are free. Discount tickets for Springtime in the Country will be available March 9-23 and may be purchased online or at locations listed at [www.wnypremierpromotions.com](http://www.wnypremierpromotions.com). Parking is free.

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## 2023 Hertel Alley Mural Fest

The 2023 Hertel Alley Mural Fest is returning this summer! The two-day event, taking place on June 10th and 11th, will showcase live installations on 16 buildings along the Hertel Alley.

The Festival will take place the weekend of June 10th from 10 a.m. until dusk and June 11th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Not visible from the street, Hertel Alley runs behind the business and buildings stretching between 1125 and 1301 Hertel Avenue in North Buffalo.

The inaugural Hertel Alley Mural Fest was a real showstopper in North Buffalo, featuring the works of numerous Buffalo street artists. Now, a handful of organizers are bringing it back, and recreating the initial momentum. Leading the charge on the event is Delaware District Council Member Joel P. Feroletto, who is coordinating along with Jen Swan-Kilpatrick, the Executive Di-

rector of Art Services Inc. (ASI).

Hertel Alley Mural Fest was started as a way to give street artists a dedicated area to create their work, while giving the public a place to view ever-changing walls of art. The event was first held in 2019, but was subsequently called off due to the pandemic.

While artist and co-founder Vinny Alejandro will be missed this year, a number of notable artists will be returning.

Altogether, the two-day event will see artists painting on 16 buildings along the Hertel Alley. There will also be plenty of live music and other art related activities at this family-friendly festival. 20 murals are currently viewable, painted by some of the most notable artists in WNY. The new works of art will be painted – live – over the existing works, which is the ephemeral nature of street art.

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Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1) Which U.S. city is known for its square pizzas with crunchy corners?

2) Which character became a fugitive in the final season of “The Office”?

3) Which of the Great Lakes lies entirely within the United States?

4) Which famous novelist wrote his last book in crayon due to poor eyesight?

5) What are the two most valuable letters in Scrabble?

6) Which movie series features a character named Ellen Ripley?

7) What is a “schwa”?

8) Which nation is credited for being the top beer-drinking country in the world?

9) What is a common name for the axilla?

10) What do you call an ant’s home?

Answers: 1. The Danube River. 2. -40. 3. “Cheers.” 4. “The Hunger Games.” 5. Chickpeas or fava beans. 6. A lodge, or a den. 7. “Hairspray.” 8. Gwyneth Paltrow. 9. Iroquois tribes in the eastern United States and Canada. 10. 70%-80%. 11. 1821



# The 28<sup>th</sup> Old Neighborhood St. Patrick's Day Parade

*Continued from page one.* the steps to get the parade off the ground. From here, a lifelong friendship was formed that will be formally celebrated as they lead the marchers in this year's parade festivities.

Overdorf served as the Executive Director of the VCA for the past 46 years, retiring in September 2022. She still has an active role in overseeing operations at Buffalo River Fest Park, Mutual Riverfront Park and the Tewksbury Lodge. During her time as Executive Director, she was instrumental in forging relationships, securing grants, and developing robust programs so serve infants through senior citizens.

Mulqueen has served as an enthusiastic member of the Board of Directors at the VCA for more than 8 years. He can often be seen volunteering in the VCA food pantry, at Buffalo River Fest

Park and at countless fundraisers and events. During his professional career, he served as a Buffalo Police Officer for more than 35 years. Mulqueen and Overdorf have both spent their lives demonstrating their true leadership in the community.

"It is such an honor to be able to commemorate the dedication and passion that Peg and Mike have for their community," said Board President, Carolyn Lopez. "These two have grown the parade into one of Buffalo's largest celebrations, which is a true testament of the love they have for their history and their neighbors. I am so excited for them to receive this well-deserved recognition."

The VCA will officially announce the Grand Marshals at the pre-parade fundraiser party during a brief ceremony on February 25, 2023 from 7-11 PM. The public is invited to join

the celebration at the Valley Community Center, located at 93 Leddy St Buffalo NY 14210. Tickets are \$20 and include admission, draft beer, and soda. Canned beer, wine, seltzer, and food will also be available for sale. Guests will enjoy live Irish music from the Reardon and Garvey Band.

The ceremony will also honor nine individuals who passed away recently and were very involved in the Old Neighborhood. The memorial dedications will recognize the following: Henry "Corky" Connors, the longtime resident of the Old First Ward (OFW), a gracious volunteer, the 2016 Grand Marshal for the Old Neighborhood parade, and the driver of the VCA float during parades; Richie Golden, a star athlete in baseball and basketball from the Old Neighborhood and a proud supporter of the community; George "Ortsy" Gould, a former Buffalo Firefighter, an beloved OFW sports coach, and the legendary Director of "the Aud"; Charlie Mc-

Mahon, who was born and raised in South Buffalo, a longtime Old Neighborhood Parade volunteer, and respected businessman in the community; Maryann-Rigby Hrynczak, a loyal and generous friend of the Valley who supported the Center and celebrated her Irish heritage faithfully; Al Rohloff, longtime owner of DiTondo's Restaurant and a devoted supporter of Valley families, programs, and River Fest Park events; John "Scanoots" Scanlon, who was born and raised in the OFW, a proud Grand Marshal in the Old Neighborhood parade in 2009, a driving force in the First Ward and South Buffalo Democratic Association, and longtime City of Buffalo employee; George Simonick, former VCA employee, lifelong Valley resident and supporter of community events; and Jerry

Sullivan, the proud son of the late Ray and Peg Sullivan who loved his deep Irish roots and was a former Buffalo Firefighter and owner of Doc Sullivan's.

The 28th Annual Old Neighborhood St. Patrick's Day Parade will kick off at 12 PM on March 18, 2023. Immediately following the parade will be the traditional grand Irish "Hooley" featuring live music by "The Bob's" as well as plenty of food and drink. The "Hooley" runs from 1pm-5pm at the Valley Community Center. Guests can purchase food and drink tickets or purchase a \$50 wristband for an "open bar" of beer, wine, and seltzers.

For more information about any of the Valley's St. Patrick's Day festivities, call Hanna at 716-823-4707 ext.117 or check out the Valley Community Center on Facebook or Instagram.



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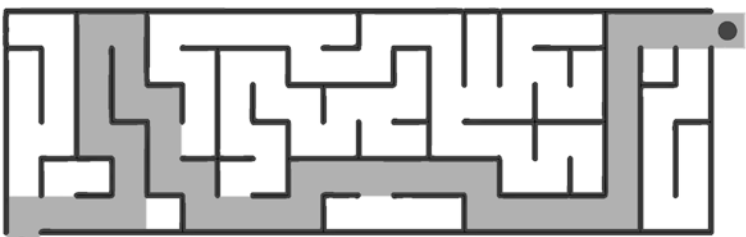
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