

# "Making Neighborhoods Matter"

## Spring Neighborhood Preservation Forum

Saturday, May 21, 2011 8a-3p

The Central Terminal ▪ 495 Paderewski Drive ▪ Buffalo, NY

The Buffalo Neighborhoods Alliance in partnership with the Central Terminal Restoration Corporation, Buffalo & Erie County Historic Society, Buffalo Board of Block Clubs, invites you to attend "Making Neighborhoods Matter" a one day forum on revitalizing neighborhoods, rehabbing homes, restoring commercial corridors and preserving our historic treasures. This Forum has been made possible with funding from the Wendt and Baird Foundations.

The Buffalo Neighborhoods Alliance is a collaboration of 15 neighborhoods from all over the City in partnership with Preservation Buffalo Niagara, the Preservation League of NYS, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This Forum answers the question, do Buffalo neighborhoods matter? We say, "Yes, they matter and here are ways we can transform and make something great happen together." The "Making Neighborhoods Matter" Spring Forum is being coordinated and presented by the block clubs, community associations and neighborhood groups from all across the city.

### The Forum

Eight sessions will be offered at the Forum to enlighten, inspire and educate the public on neighborhood revitalization, commercial corridor restoration, housing rehabilitation, and historic preservation.

The Neighborhood Forum will feature "how-to" demonstrations and will "show case" experts in historic preservation, commercial restoration, and neighborhood revitalization from Buffalo, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and the

National Trust for Historic Preservation. Also and as an added element to the Forum, the State Historic Preservation Office and local preservation contractors will be on hand to provide information at a vendor's booth.

This exciting event will take place on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at the Central Terminal on Buffalo's East Side. \$5 covers registration materials & morning refreshments; box lunches will be available for purchase.

### Neighborhood Forum Sessions

#### **Neighborhood Revitalization**

##### ***Learning from the Hill District***

The cultural center of African-American life in Pittsburgh, Pa, the Hill District is an American city working its way back against the odds

##### ***Best Practices in Neighborhood Revitalization***

Learn how to address crime beautification vacant housing including; how to create a block club in your neighborhood

#### **Housing Rehabilitation**

##### ***Weatherization of your Historic Home***

How to do it efficiently while preserving its historic value

##### ***Inspecting your Home***

Learn how to set priorities and tackle issues facing your older home

#### **Commercial Corridor Restoration**

##### ***Revitalizing Commercial Districts***

Learn how to transform the way we think about the revitalization and management of our downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts

##### ***Upper Floor Revitalization in Commercial Districts***

Find new and alternate uses to upper floors of store fronts located in older neighborhoods

#### **Historic Preservation**

##### ***Maximizing the Character of your Historic Neighborhood***

Learn how to maximize the character and value of your home during a rehab project

##### ***Researching the History of your House***

If walls could talk, the stories your house would tell... Want to get a glimpse into the secret past of your abode? This session is for you



"This is an opportunity for all of us to come together as a City of Good Neighbors to learn from each other and others from other cities that are similarly sized, with similar issues. We can grow and develop into a new city of hope that values its diversity, its history and preserves the best of who we all are by making all of our neighborhoods vibrant and strong".

*Rita Hubbard-Robinson, Marketing Chairperson  
Hamlin Park Community and Taxpayers' Association*

"The timing of the Forum couldn't be better! The Forum provides an opportunity to see what is happening on the ground and what could lie ahead for Buffalo's many wonderful neighborhoods."

*Tania Werbizky, Regional Director  
Technical and Grant Programs- Preservation League of New York State*

"Neighborhoods Matter all over the country, but especially in Buffalo, a city of older homes. Strengthening Buffalo's neighborhoods and improving its housing stock is a win-win strategy for homeowners, all residents, and the city itself. Neighborhoods Matters for our future."

*Henry McCartney, Executive Director  
Preservation Buffalo Niagara*

### Coordinating Neighborhood Organizations

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| Parkside Association                             | Linwood Association                  |
| University District                              | PLDG West (Parkdale, Lafayette, West |
| Cazenovia Resource Center                        | Delavan, and Greenwood)              |
| Hamlin Park Community and Taxpayers' Association | West Side Community Collaborative    |
| Masten Block Club Coalition                      | Black Rock Riverside                 |
| Polonia District                                 | Grant/Amherst Business Association   |
| Kleinhans Community Association                  | Grant Ferry Association              |
| Elmwood Association                              | Vermont Triangle Block Club          |
|  | Allentown Association                |

**To Register** – online at [www.P-B-N.org/page/buffalos-neighborhood-alliance/](http://www.P-B-N.org/page/buffalos-neighborhood-alliance/) or call (716) 852-3300 and/or return a \$5 check along with registration form to address below by Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### "Making Neighborhoods Matter"

#### PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Preservation Buffalo Niagara, 617 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NEIGHBORHOOD (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTER TODAY!**