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Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy Introduces Two New Members to the Family

Lawley and Joe Basil Chevrolet team up to assist Olmsted Parks and the Operations staff with two new trucks

Buffalo, NY - Without further ado, the Conservancy, in partnership with Lawley and Joe Basil Chevrolet, is thrilled to introduce to the community *Shamrock Olms and Meadow Lark*, two new heavy duty trucks that will serve District 2 (Cazenovia, South and Heacock Parks), District 4 (Delaware Park).

Spring is in the air and Summer is just a couple of months away, thus the Conservancy staff is in high gear getting ready for peak park season. With hard work comes the need for useful and reliable landscape equipment, which is a significant investment for the Conservancy. "Thanks to the generous assistance of Lawley and Joe Basil Chevrolet, our operations team has two new trucks which are crucial to their daily operations," said Stephanie Crockatt, Executive Director of Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy. "The Conservancy staff works year-round to provide exceptional park maintenance for the entire historic Olmsted park system. Having the proper equipment is a serious investment, and one which ensures our success now and in the future."

In celebration of these new trucks, the Conservancy, along with Lawley and Joe Basil Chevrolet, invited the community to be involved in a fun naming process. Over 60 submissions were made online and via social media.



From left to right: Brian Jenkins, Chris Hartgrove, Jimmy Coyle, Mark Travenese



From left to right: Brian Jenkins, Maggie Best, Bob Stotz, Lee Szczublewski, Stephanie Crockatt, Jimmy Coyle, Cassie Soucia, Chris Hartgrove, Mark Travenese, Keith Powers, Nate Putnam

"Joe Basil Chevrolet is honored to support the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy and their Operations team," said Jim Basil, President of Joe Basil Chevrolet. "We applaud the staff, for the job they do on a daily basis to ensure that our Olmsted Parks are clean and safe for all to enjoy. To have the opportunity to assist them with the resources they need is what this community and the Basil family is all about. All of us at Joe Basil are excited for the warmer weather to come, so we can enjoy the parks that much more."

"Lawley is proud to partner with the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy in supporting the operations team with their purchase of two new trucks," said Kathy Best Lawley. "This has been a rewarding project to be a part of, and getting the community involved in the naming process was unique and fun. We're excited to see the trucks out in the parks, while the staff is getting ready for the busy spring and summer season."



Jimmy Coyle and Mark Travenese, District 2, pose in front of their new truck, Shamrock Olms.



Chris Hartgrove takes a photo with the new District 4 truck, MeadowLark.

For more information on Spring & Summer events visit <https://www.bfloparks.org/events/>

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About the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy

The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy is the first nonprofit organization in the nation to manage and operate an entire urban park system that consists of more than 850 acres of beautifully designed historic parks, parkways and circles. The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy is an independent not-for-profit, membership-based, community organization whose mission is to promote, preserve, restore, enhance, and maintain the Frederick Law Olmsted-designed parks and parkways in the Greater Buffalo area for current and future generations. More than 2.5 million people use Buffalo's historic, award-winning Olmsted Park system annually for recreation, relaxation and rejuvenation. The parks were designed by America's first landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted more than 150 years ago; it was the first urban park system designed in the nation. Basic maintenance of the parks has been greatly improved since the 2004 groundbreaking public-private agreement with the Conservancy, City of Buffalo and Erie County. Since that time, the Conservancy, now partnering with the City of Buffalo, has retained full responsibility for the management and care of these green spaces which are listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. Most recently, the American Planning Association recognized Delaware Park as one of the 2014 Great Places in America and The Guardian named Buffalo's Olmsted park system as one of the best park systems in the world and in 2018 the Conservancy set a Guinness World Record in historic Bidwell Parkway. www.bfloparks.org

The Buffalo Olmsted Park System includes:

Six parks: Cazenovia Park in South Buffalo, Delaware Park in Delaware/Parkside District, Front Park at the Peace Bridge, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park at Fillmore Avenue, Riverside Park at Niagara and Tonawanda Street, and South Park at McKinley Parkway

Seven parkways: Bidwell, Chapin, Lincoln, McKinley, Porter, Red Jacket, and Richmond

Eight landscaped traffic circles: Agassiz, Colonial, Ferry, Gates, McClellan, McKinley, Soldiers, and Symphony