BUFFALO
OLMSTED PARKS
CONSERVANCY

October 23, 2026

Dear Olmsted Supporters,

Thank you for your continued support of the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy. Your commitment to Buffalo's Olmsted Parks makes a meaningful difference in the care and preservation of these extraordinary public spaces. We are grateful to have you as part of the Conservancy community.

As a Conservancy supporter, you have an opportunity to help guide our organization's future by participating in the trustee election at our upcoming Annual Meeting. The **Annual Meeting and Trustee Election** will be held on **Thursday, November 19, 2026**. Additional meeting details are provided below. The meeting will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m. and is expected to conclude before 5:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend in person, you may still participate by submitting your proxy ballot online or by mail. Election results will be announced during the Annual Meeting. **Eligible voters are asked to complete and return their proxy ballot by Tuesday, November 17, 2026.** If you have questions, please contact the Conservancy's main office at 716-838-1249, Ext. 14.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy. Together, we are preserving a remarkable legacy and helping ensure that Buffalo's parks continue to enrich our community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Catie Stephenson

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Executive Director

Annual Meeting Details:

Date:	Thursday, November 19, 2026
Time:	4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Venue:	Parkside Lodge, 84 Parkside Ave, Buffalo, NY 14214
Parking:	Street parking is recommended. ADA accessible parking available.

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- Greeting from Catie Stephenson with Annual Meeting details
- Information on Trustee Nominations
- Proxy Ballot

2027 BOARD OF TRUSTEE NOMINEES

Second Term Nominees



Donna Medina

Trustee since 2024
Chair of Giving & Awareness Committee

Donna M. Medina is an Insurance Agency Owner with Comparion Insurance Agency, the largest insurance agency in the country. She has been in the industry for over 7 years with over 17 years of experience in Financial Services. Her licenses include Property & Casualty; Personal and Commercial Lines; Life, Accident, Health; and she is licensed in New York, New Jersey and Florida. As the only Spanish Speaking Insurance agent for Comparion in WNY she has deep connections to the Latino Community in Buffalo, NY.

She has had an active role in planning, organizing, and implementing programs and events which address the needs of the community. Recruit volunteers, research grants and other sources of funding, and has been able to give back to the Latino community in a way that educates and promotes culture in a positive way as well as keeping Puerto Rican traditions alive.

She has developed lasting relationships with community leaders across WNY, elected officials, organization members, executives, volunteers, event attendees, and coworkers.

She has spent the past 20 years developing these relationships and becoming a point of contact for the people of her community. She began her service with the Pucho, Inc. Board of Directors at the Olivencia Community Center in 2006 and she continues to serve today as their Secretary.

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Second Term Nominees



Aaron Siegel

Trustee since 2023
(Formerly served 9-year term)
Chair of Governance Committee

Aaron Siegel has worked in financial services for over 20 years in a variety of positions in New York City, London and Buffalo, NY. Prior to founding Franklin Asset Management in 2006, he spent time at both HSBC Bank and Bank of America in their Corporate, Investment and Private Banking divisions.

Franklin Asset Management manages a number of propriety investments in real estate, distressed debt, equities, and private equity across of number of industries. In addition, Franklin previously managed two private equity funds devoted to distressed debt for outside institutional and high net worth investors.

Mr. Siegel obtained his B.A. in Political Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo, his MBA in Finance and Corporate Accounting from the Simon School at the University of Rochester, where he was a Robert C. Goergen scholar. In addition, he has his MA in History from the University at Buffalo, where he is currently pursuing his PhD in the same discipline.

Mr. Siegel has served as the Treasurer for both the Buffalo Police Foundation and Mayor Brown's Fund to Advance Buffalo, Chairman of the Olmsted Park Conservancy, trustee of the Buffalo History Museum, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site and the CEPA Gallery, and has been recognized by the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity of Canisius College as a business leader in the Western New York Community.

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Second Term Nominees



Jared Threat

Trustee since 2024
IDEA Committee

Jared Threat was born and raised in Buffalo, NY. After completing his high school education, Jared earned his Business Administration degree from the University at Buffalo. Jared also went on at UB to obtain his Masters in Business Administration.

After 9 years in banking, he made a switch to the digital advertising industry and currently works at Moog. While building his career, Jared always felt a strong sense of responsibility to give back to the community that had nurtured him. He dedicated a substantial amount of his time and energy to community service initiatives. Presently, he serves as the Co-Chair for the Buffalo AKG Art Museum's Convergence Council, playing a vital role in promoting arts and culture in the region.

Additionally, Jared holds a position on the board of Big Brother Big Sister of WNY and Erie County, where he actively contributes to the organization's mission of supporting and mentoring young individuals.

Beyond his professional and community commitments, Jared has an extraordinary passion for Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Through years of dedication and discipline, he achieved the esteemed rank of a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Black Belt.

Jared always prioritizes spending quality time with his family. They share a love for the outdoors and sports, often embarking on adventures together, be it hiking, camping, or cheering for their favorite teams.

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Third Term Nominee



Robert "Bob" Shibley

Trustee since 2020
Governance Committee

Bob Shibley is a State University of New York Distinguished Professor and Dean Emeritus of the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of Buffalo where he now serves as the Rudy Bruner Chair in Urban Excellence. A scholar and appreciator of Olmsted's work and the important blend of landscape, architecture, and planning, Bob holds a Master of Architecture in Urban Design from the Catholic University of America and is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and the American Institute of Certified Planners.

He is the founding director of the Urban Design Project at UB and a Senior Fellow of the UB Regional Institute. He now directs the Rudy Bruner Center for Urban Excellence at UB. National institutions have awarded him 16 lifetime achievement awards, in part, in recognition of his 18 co-authored books and service to Western New York. With Lynda Schneekloth, Bob authored *the Olmsted City: The Buffalo Olmsted Park System Plan for the 21st Century in 2008.*