

# Welcome to Buffalo

The Office of Graduate Medical Education (<http://wings.buffalo.edu/smb/GME>) has gathered the information below from residents to help you as you prepare to relocate to the "City of Good Neighbors." We hope you find this information helpful, and look forward to seeing you at Incoming Residents Week in June.

## "City living" Tips

Many residents love living in the city of Buffalo and hope incoming residents will consider it as well. They say it offers friendly, safe neighborhoods, proximity to hospitals, many unique shops and restaurants, and great architecture at bargain prices which make living in the city well worth the extra effort for those who choose it. Below are some more specific suggestions:

- Check both the Buffalo News and the Artvoice for apartment information. Artvoice is a bi-weekly Buffalo arts newspaper that includes city apartments that are often not elsewhere advertised. A limited online version of their classifieds section is available at <http://artvoice.com>.
- Many of the best apartments are not advertised in the paper, they have signs outside the building listing a number to call.
- Many of the best bargains are in individual homes, rather than complexes.
- Off street parking is a must, especially in winter, and garages are an even better idea in Buffalo.
- Neighborhoods with good quality apartments, reasonable rents, and good safety include the area bordered by Richmond Avenue on the West, Hertel Avenue to the North, Linwood Avenue to the East, and Allen Street to the South. Also, the Parkside Neighborhood from Delaware Park to Kenmore Avenue. Typically, crime in these neighborhoods is property crime, not personal crime. Off-street parking may pose a risk. More information about Buffalo neighborhoods can be found online at [http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/maps/buf/buffalo\\_neighborhoods.html](http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/maps/buf/buffalo_neighborhoods.html). This site contains a map outlining Buffalo neighborhoods, plus links to descriptions of each one.

## Apartment Complexes

These are some of the contacts used by residents. This list is by no means exhaustive, or recommended by the Office of Graduate Medical Education.

Kenmore Development <a href="http://www.kendev.com">http://www.kendev.com</a>	(716) 874-7700	Various locations around Buffalo, Scott Hunt Scott Hunt e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@kendev.com">info@kendev.com</a>
Boulevard Tower Apartments	(716) 836-6861	Meyer Road, Amherst, Patty
Carriage House Apartments	(716) 634-3381	6 Spring, Williamsville
Coventry Green	(716)634-2063	4045 Coventry Green Circle, Clarence, NY 14221
Dannybrook Apartments	(716) 634-1499	293 Palmdale Drive, Williamsville
Delta Garden Apartments	(716) 831-7097	406 Delta Road, Amherst
Ellicott Development	(716) 854-0060	295 Main Street, Buffalo
Garden Village	(716) 668-1636	70 Garden Village Drive, Cheektowaga
Idylwoods Apartments	(716) 668-6616	101 Slate Creek Drive, Cheektowaga
Kensington Village Apartments	(716) 833-3727	105 Kenville Road, Buffalo
Sidway Apartments	(716) 856-8538	775 Main Street, Buffalo

### Realtor:

Laura Friend, Realty USA (716) 983-0448 [lfriend@realtyusa.com](mailto:lfriend@realtyusa.com)  
She is able to guide incoming residents to areas in Buffalo that are centrally located to hospitals, and she is aware of the financial framework of residents.

## General Relocation Suggestions

- Come early/act early to get an apartment and car as soon as possible.
- Having heat and water included in a sensible rent amount may save you a lot of money in winter.
- Covered parking may save you 15 minutes each day in winter with not having to get snow off your car.
- Try to find out about your neighbors so you'll have a quiet place to get much needed sleep.
- Sharing a home with a fellow resident may save money and offer support.
- Finding a place to live near the hospitals or a major freeway will save you travel time.
- In some apartment complexes, maintenance and snow shoveling will not be your responsibility.
- If you will be purchasing a car, remember to always negotiate prices. A good aid is <http://kbb.com> which could save you money. Also, remember that your car should be able to withstand weather conditions.

## Child Care Information

Child care often requires months of pre-planning to secure a space for your child. As with housing information, the child care information listed below has been provided by residents so incoming residents have something well in advance of their arrival in Buffalo. The Office of Graduate Medical Education does not endorse or encourage patronizing any of these services.

- Roswell Park Cancer Institute** (716) 845-3526
- Convenient for residents at RPCI and BGH
  - Sliding fee scale based on income may apply
- Children's Hospital of Buffalo (Small Wonders Daycare)** (716) 878-7895
- Convenient for residents at CHOB, RPCI, and BGH
  - Employee discount applies
- Veterans' Administration Medical Center** (716) 862-6562
- Convenient for residents at the VA and ECMC
  - Employee discount applies
- Grow With Us Daycare** (716) 877-2775
- Convenient for Kenmore, North Buffalo, and Black Rock residents
- Amherst Community Church Child Care Center** (716) 834-9701
- Convenient for Amherst and Williamsville residents
- UB Child Care Center – South Campus** (716) 829-2226
- Convenient for residents at the VA and ECMC
  - Sliding fee scale based on income
  - Inquire about weekly-themed Summer Camp opportunities for ages 5 to 8
- Audubon at College Park Daycare** (716) 631-1993
- Convenient for Amherst and Williamsville residents

### Child Care Coalition of the Niagara Frontier, Inc.

For further information on education and referral services to parents/guardians looking for child care options, please visit the web at <http://www.wnychildren.org>. The Child Care Coalition of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization committed to the development of quality early care and education in Buffalo and Erie County. The Coalition brings together parents, early care and education professionals, community members, business leaders and government agencies to help develop and support accessible, affordable quality child care for children and families in our community. This collaboration values, respects, and nurtures cultural and individual differences.

## Additional Helpful Websites

### Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau

<http://www.buffalocvb.org>

This site features information on Western New York accommodations, restaurants, events, and history.

### UB International Student & Scholar Services\*\*

<http://wings.buffalo.edu/intlservices/index.html>

This site contains information that may be helpful to international residents, such as housing, Social Security Numbers, income taxes, driving and transportation, banking, dependent care, and connections to other useful links.

\*\*Note that residents on visas should direct all visa related questions to the Office of GME.

\*\*The visa information on this site may not apply to your special situation as residents.

### Everything Buffalo

<http://buffalo.com>

This site features local news as well as links to the Apartment Finder and Car Finder

### Western New York Information Center

<http://bfm.org/WNY>

This site features information on work and play in the eight counties of Western New York.

### Super Pages

<http://phonebook.superpages.com/yellowpages/C-Apartments/S-NY/T-Bufferalo>

This site features a variety of apartments, maps, driving directions, and agencies specializing in the needs of people moving to the Buffalo area.