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## Discount Prescription Card Helps City of Buffalo Residents

City of Buffalo Common Council President Richard A. Fontana is proud to announce they have created a very powerful money saving discount drug card program for the citizens of Western New York. The WNY Rx prescription discount card will be widely distributed throughout Western New York and is available to everyone regardless of age, income, citizenship, or health insurance status.

The card provides an overall average savings of 47 percent on prescription medications; 18 percent average on brand name drugs, 65 percent average on generic drugs.

The card is free and can be used by anyone who lives, works or is visiting Western New York, it is accepted at over 68,000 pharmacies across America (93 percent of America's

pharmacies) both at large chains and small local pharmacies.

The card is available now at city agencies, libraries, neighborhood businesses, and community organizations. The card can also be found online at

www.wnyrx.com.

The WNY Rx card's search engine tool allows consumers to locate the nearest pharmacy as well as to determine which among the local pharmacies has the lowest price before the card's application thereby affording the user even deeper savings.

For more information regarding the WNY Rx prescription discount card or if you're an elected official or community agency and are interested in being a card distributor, please contact Council President Fontana's Office at 851-5152.



## New Van to Provide Reliable Access to Health Care

The Independent Health Foundation has partnered with West Side Community Services Center of Buffalo to offer the community a new van service that will help enable better access to health care.

The van service, which will be available by appointment to individuals who reside in and near Buffalo's West Side, will provide reliable transportation to and from non-emergency medical appointments and health care services.

"We're excited to be able to expand our services to better meet the needs of the residents of our neighborhood," said Nick Bonifacio, president, board of directors, West Side Community Services. "This van will allow us to build upon the many programs we have in place to continue enhancing the health and well-being of the West Side community.



The van service is an extension of the Independent Health Foundation's longstanding partnership with West Side Community Services.

The Independent Health Foundation has been an outstanding partner, and we're grateful for their support in helping us bring this vital resource to the community."

The van will provide scheduled pickups from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Individuals are asked to call West Side Community Services at 884-6616 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday

to schedule transportation at least 24 hours before their appointment to ensure availability. West Side Community Services will be asking for a voluntary donation of \$3 each way per patient; a friend or family member may accompany the individual scheduled for the appointment if needed.

More information can also be found online at [www.westsidecommunity-services.org](http://www.westsidecommunity-services.org).

## PCA Announces New Director

The Board of Directors of The Parkside Community Association is pleased to announce that Amber Small has been named Executive Director. Ms. Small will lead the organization to advocate, communicate and act on behalf of the Parkside neighborhood to preserve and enhance the quality of life.



Amber can be contacted at: [PCADirector@gmail.com](mailto:PCADirector@gmail.com) or 716-838-1240.

## Elmwood Health Center Receives Award

People Inc.'s Elmwood Health Center is a recent recipient of the 2013 Allscripts Outcomes Excellence Award.

The Outcomes Excellence Award is the highest honor that Allscripts grants its clients annually for outstanding outcomes using Allscripts' solutions.

The accolade means a great deal for People Inc. and the Elmwood Health Center.

Founded in 1994, the Elmwood Health Center, an af-

filiate of People Inc., provides primary and specialty care services to a diverse patient base and is recognized locally for its care of those with special needs. People Inc. is a not-for-profit health and human services agency providing programs and services to more than 12,000 people with special needs, their families, and seniors throughout Western New York. Since 1971, People Inc. has assisted individuals to achieve greater degrees of independence and productivity.



Pictured above (left to right): Sandra Sendor and Barbara J. Johnson.

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
Sunny High 68° Low 48°	Sunny High 70° Low 49°	Mostly Sunny High 75° Low 54°	Cloudy High 67° Low 53°	Showers High 61° Low 49°	Scattered Showers High 65° Low 50°	Showers High 65° Low 50°