

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. Below are some more specific suggestions:

- Check both the Buffalo News and the [Artvoice](#) for apartment information. [Artvoice](#) is a 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 and reasonable rents 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. More information about Buffalo neighborhoods can be found online at http://library.buffalo.edu/maps/buffalo-wnymaps/buffalo_neighborhoods.php This site contains a map outlining Buffalo neighborhoods, and it has 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. Some websites allow you to view apartment complexes and maps to determine proximity to the hospitals. Below are listed the affiliated hospital addresses to assist you in your search for an apartment. Your program will be able to tell you which hospitals you will be regularly assigned to. Hospital addresses are:

- Buffalo General Hospital, 100 High Street, Buffalo, NY 14203
- Erie County Medical Center, 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, NY 14215
- Millard Fillmore Hospital, 3 Gates Circle, Buffalo, NY 14209
- Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, 1540 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY 14221
- Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Elm & Carlton Street, Buffalo, NY 14263
- Sisters of Charity Hospital, 2157 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14214
- Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, 219 Bryant Street, Buffalo, NY 14222
- VA Western New York Healthcare System, 3495 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215

The Renters Guide

Kenmore Development	(716) 874-7700	http://www.TheRentersGuide.com
Carriage House Apartments	(716) 634-3381	http://www.kendev.com
Ellicott Development	(716) 854-0060	6 Spring, Williamsville
Kensington Village Apartments	(716) 833-3727	295 Main Street, Buffalo – http://www.ellicottdevelopment.com
Sidway Apartments	(716) 856-8538	105 Kenville Road, Buffalo
		775 Main Street, Buffalo - http://www.clovermanagement.com

Realtor:

Laura Friend, Realty USA (716) 983-0448 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

- Although public transportation is available, you may find it necessary to have a car. To access public transportation information, go to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority website at: www.nfta.com/metro.
- 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.

- 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

For information on obtaining a New York State Drivers License

<http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us>

Under the "Driver Licenses, Learner Permits, Non-driver Photo ID Cards" section, you can learn how to apply for a NYS drivers license.

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.

Social Security Administration

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10096.html>

To work in the United States, you must have documents from the Department of Homeland Security showing your US immigration status and eligibility to work while in the United States. Then, you should apply for a Social Security number and card from the Social Security Administration.

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.