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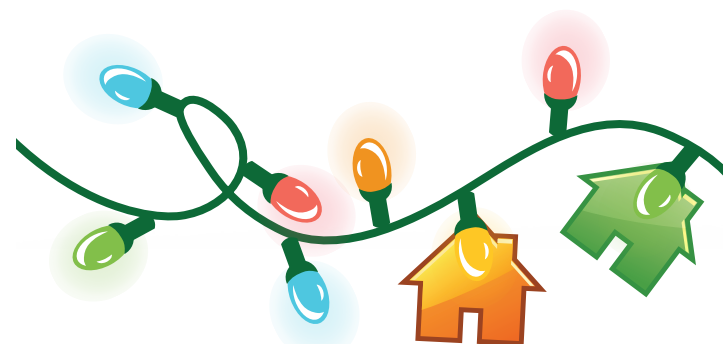
# ERIE PHILHARMONIC HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES



**Saturday, November 14**  
11AM - 4PM

**Sunday, November 15**  
NOON - 4PM

Presented by



\$15 In Advance | \$20 Day of Event

EriePhil.org/hometour | (814) 455-1375

## Holiday Tour of Homes Details

### 1 **Woman's Club of Erie** | 259 W. 6th St. *Decorated by **Multiple Decorators***

Davenport Galbraith married Winifred Downing in 1885. As a wedding present, Davenport's father, Judge William Galbraith, gave the couple land adjacent to his own spacious house. Designed by the architectural firm of Green and Wicks in Buffalo, NY and constructed by Erie's Constable Brothers, the home was completed in 1892. Reportedly, the residence cost approximately \$60,000.

Surrounded by a decorative black wrought iron fence, the Galbraith Mansion has been the home of the Woman's Club of Erie since 1921. Its Christmas in the Mansion House Tour and Boutique features entertainment, an electric train display, refreshments, and raffles of miniature trees, wreaths and gift baskets. The third floor Boutique will provide an opportunity to purchase homemade candies and other specialty foods, vintage jewelry, quilted items, and much more. Local florists - Larese Floral Design, Rose Floral Shop, Joel's Flower Shoppe, Naturally Yours Designs, Potratz Floral Shop & Greenhouses, Gerlach's Floral & Gift, and Plantscape Greenhouses-will transform the historical mansion into a Christmas Wonderland. Santa will be making a visit at noon on Saturday!

### 2 **Dr. William P. & Tracey Diefenbach** | 323 W. 6th St. *Decorated by **Potratz Floral Shop***

The Diefenbach home was built in 1904 by William Forster, President of Hays Manufacturing. In 1943, the house was bequeathed to the Episcopal Diocese of Erie. In 1966, Gannon University purchased the property and it was home to the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity until 1993 when, once again, it became a family home for Tracey and Paul Diefenbach. The adjacent property was purchased in 2009 and subsequently was razed in 2013 in order for an English garden to be constructed along with an addition to the home for a garden conservatory. This has beautifully blended the two properties together and has recently been acclaimed in the City Garden Tour.

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### 3 **Erie Community Foundation** | 459 W. 6th St. *Decorated by **Traditions***

In 1905, Julius C. Siegel, managing partner of Erie Oil Works, built his home at 459 West Sixth Street and his carriage house at 609 Walnut Street. Julius, his wife Mabel and two children lived in their beautiful Beaux-Arts style home until 1928 when Julius passed away. Helen and her husband, Marshall "Mac" McDougle, also raised their three daughters in the home. In 1956, Gannon University purchased the property, transforming the house into a student union and the carriage house into a theater for student productions. From 1974 until 2006, the house was used as office space for the Erie County Department of Human Services.

In July 2008, The Erie Community Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes philanthropic and community leadership to improve the quality of life for all in our region, moved into the 13,000 square foot main building. Thanks to the generous donation of Susan Hirt Hagen, the Foundation was remodeled to what it is today. The Erie Community Foundation is home to Erie Vital Signs, Erie Gives, Erie Women's Fund and The Nonprofit Partnership.

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### 4 **Karen Skarupski** | 456 Kahkwa Blvd. *Decorated by **Larese Floral Design***

Constructed in the 1920s, this corner lot home represents an eclectic combination of architectural styles. Although the home's tile roof suggests a Spanish influence, its flat, hipped roof lines, broad eaves and large windows are signature markings of the Prairie style of homes made popular by Frank Lloyd Wright in the Chicago area during the 1920s. The home's interior has been extensively renovated to include a custom kitchen with a glass atrium. The renovations also included the addition of beamed ceilings in the living and dining rooms.

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### 5 **Dr. Keith & Mary Jean Taylor** | 208 Superior Ave. *Decorated by **Allburn Florist & WeissEarley Landscape Design and Contracting***

The Taylor home, built in 1956 by Monahan, features some of his signature designs including S-shaped "shutter locks" on the exterior of the home to hold open each of the many shutters. The home is designed with large windows and several parallel hallways positioned to provide views of two or more sides of the house from nearly any location inside.

The dining room table is the original, ornately carved, wooden table from the Strong Mansion, now Gannon University's Old Main. With all of its leaves, it stretches over 20 feet in length. A chandelier, also retrieved many years ago from the Sixth Street "millionaires' row" mansion in the estate sale, hangs over the table connecting the Taylor family home to their Gannon University family on a daily basis.

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### 6 **Owen & Kim McCormick** | 1608 South Shore Dr. *Decorated by **Trellis & Estate Services, Inc.***

The McCormick home is one of lasting impressions and an abundance of warmth and character. With stunning views of Presque Isle Bay, this 1940 Monahan-built colonial features architectural details blended with modern day innovations. The living room and den are highlighted by hand-carved Pennsylvania walnut cabinetry and Italian marble fireplace surrounds. A recently built fire pit and pergola offer the perfect spot to watch year-round bay activities. Complete renovations to the home's kitchen and outdoor entertaining areas, as well as the installation of the most innovative music, theater and security systems make this home the perfect spot for the McCormicks and their five children.

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