

## **Owner of Buccigrossi Building & Masonry Receives Two Preservation Awards**

Dominic Buccigrossi received two Preservation awards from the historic Review Commission for his renovation projects at 3417 Butler Street and 2176 Webster Street. There were twelve recipients awarded for work in residential, commercial, and industrial buildings. Dominic received recognition for his outstanding excellence in his craft of building and masonry. He was the only person to receive two of these prestigious awards.

## **Bloomfield Base Flourishing Business**

As any good contractor knows you have to have a foundation to build on. And that's exactly what Dominic Buccigrossi has – a business base in Bloomfield. At age 30, Dominic Buccigrossi is president of a building and masonry business that bears his name. The business is also attaining a good reputation throughout the city as a specialist in commercial-residential restoration.

Dominic started his masonry career at the age of 15, working for relatives in the business. He did everything from laborer to hood carrier and even a little brick laying in those earlier years, all while he was attending Central Catholic High School. Upon graduation, Dominic took an advanced course at the Technical Training School for Bricklaying. He knocked them dead with his skills, graduating as one of the top two in his class of sixty.

Flushed with his success, Dominic reentered his trade and spent five years honing his skills. During that time he admits to paying more attention to structure, design, tone, color and composition of the building than just laying bricks. He also picked up a few ideas on how to run a business and handle men. Intrigued with design principles, young Buccigrossi decided to go one step further. He took a leave of absence from what he called his "trade" and entered the Art institute for Design, where he earned an associate degree. It was a good move. Things came together. The design concepts merged with his hands-on experience as a bricklayer. He had ideas and he had to have a business of his own. Bloomfield was the logical location. His family was known. His grandfather and father were longtime residents, he had a ready market. Bloomfield residents have always been proud of their community and their homes. They like to keep their houses in good condition. Dominic Buccigrossi is just another example of that lodestone of self employed, skilled craftsmen that abound in Bloomfield and reflect the true spirit of the community.