



# FILLMORE DISTRICT UPDATE

August 2025 Edition

**BROADWAY-FILLMORE | COBBLESTONE | ALLENTOWN | CANALSIDE | OLD FIRST WARD**



## A Message From Council Member Nowakowski

Dear Neighbors,

It's been a long, hot, and busy summer here at the Common Council. Over the past few weeks, I have worked to create new plans to finally revitalize our inactive Erie Basin Marina, enacted changes to breathe new life into the Broadway Market, brought together our partners in public health and law enforcement to address the rising issue of drug use and vagrancy in our communities, and provided tens of thousands in discretionary funds to support theaters and entertainment groups that fuel our economy, culture, and local arts.

Meanwhile, out in the community, we just enjoyed one of the best months of the year, with the Taste of Buffalo, the Garden Walks, the Italian Heritage Festival, the Fourth of July, and so much more. We also celebrated National Disability Pride Month - a time to recognize the incredible achievements of individuals with disabilities and to renew our commitment to making our community more accessible and inclusive to everyone.

The next month is nearly as packed. We will have the Asian Food & Cultural Festival, the Irish Festival, the Buffalo Wing Festival, the Elmwood Village Art Festival, and continuing weekly concert series at Canalside and Larkinville. It's also back-to-school shopping season. To help our community's families, I'm holding a backpack giveaway on Saturday, August 16, from 10AM-1PM, at Buffalo Central Terminal, 495 Paderewski Drive.

Now, for the month of August, the Common Council will be on recess. I look forward to returning to our busy and important work in September - hopefully once chambers have cooled a little.

Warm Regards,

*Michael P. Nowakowski*



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# LEGISLATIVE RECAP

## **Reviving Erie Basin Marina**

The warm weather and late sunsets make summer a perfect time to visit the Erie Basin Marina, but for far too long, this prime spot on our city's waterfront has been inactive. The marina needs money and investment, the William Ks restaurant site is vacant, and Templeton Landing is only open for weddings and corporate events. We need to do better. Right now, the leases for different sites in the marina are controlled by different city agencies. So I'm calling for these different agencies to get together and develop a comprehensive plan to reactivate our marina and capitalize on our city's greatest resource - our waterfront.

## **Addressing Public Drug Use, Vagrancy**

The warmer weather makes for a great time to visit our community's beautiful parks, but unfortunately, the summer also brings a rise in public drug use, vagrancy, and related mental health issues in these public spaces. While we are compassionate toward those experiencing these problems, I will not accept residents not feeling safe in public or having a diminished quality of life. That's why I'm working with our Erie County Department of Health and the Buffalo Police Department's Behavioral Health Team to find out what more we can do to help individuals while also keeping our public spaces safe and inviting for everyone. Thankfully, we've had success in reducing fatal overdoses and saving lives, and now we need to work together as a community to take the next step and get these individuals the help they need so that we can improve everyone's quality of life.

## **Building Up the Broadway Market**

Exciting things are happening at the Broadway Market! In July, the Common Council approved a resolution to transfer control of the market to a nonprofit entity called the Broadway Market Management Inc. The city just does not have the capability to manage such a large and expensive enterprise, and I believe BMMI is much better suited to this complex and ambitious task. Additionally, the Broadway Market is in line for a \$40 million investment from Empire State Development for renovations and an additional multimillion investment from the Ralph Wilson Foundation. Together, these changes and investments will breathe new life into the cultural and economic crown jewel of the Broadway-Fillmore neighborhood!

# Supporting the Arts



Earlier this week, I announced a \$65,000 investment in Buffalo's incredible arts and entertainment scene. This discretionary funding will go to supporting five organizations that bring energy, culture, and world-class performances to our city, including \$10,000 for Shakespeare in Delaware Park, \$15,000 for Alleyway Theatre, \$10,000 for Torn Space Theater, \$15,000 for the Chippewa Alliance, and \$15,000 for MusicalFare Theatre. These groups are at the heart of what makes Buffalo special, and I'm so grateful for the work they do every day.



# National DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH



In July, I joined my colleagues in raising the flag for National Disability Pride Month at city hall.

This month celebrates the incredible achievements of people with disabilities, reaffirms our commitment to making our community more accessible, and honors the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act - a landmark civil rights bill that prohibits discrimination and mandates inclusion and accessibility for the disability community. I'll keep fighting to make our city more welcoming for people of all abilities!



# TASTY BUFFALO



It was truly a pleasure to once again serve as a judge for the Taste of Buffalo, in more ways than one! Our city is blessed to have the largest two-day food festival in the country, where we can showcase our incredibly creative, diverse, and delicious food scene. Thank you to everyone who participated and everyone who braved the heat to make this such a great event. You left me with a full heart and a full belly!

## Building *treemendous* communities



You don't have to be a "tree hugger" to understand the importance of trees in urban areas! Not only do they help fight climate change, they also make our parks and neighborhoods more vibrant and safe places. I'm grateful to Re-Tree WNY for their constant work and to Assemblymember Jon Rivera for investing \$20,000 in state aid to strengthen our urban forest.

*Fillmore District's 6th Annual*  
**BACKPACK  
GIVEAWAY**

*August 16, 2025  
10am to 1pm*

*Buffalo Central Terminal  
495 Paderewski Drive*

*Providing school  
supplies, ice cream,  
face painting, &  
family fun!*



*Presented by:*  
**Fillmore District  
Council Member  
Mitch Nowakowski**



*Sponsored by:*  
**Erie County  
District 1 Legislator  
Lawrence Dupre**



# Upcoming Events

**BULLY HILL VINEYARDS PRESENTS:**

## BEAU FLEUVE

CELEBRATION OF MUSIC • ART • CULTURE

**SUNDAY 3-8PM**  
**AUG 24**  
BUFFALO CENTRAL TERMINAL

Special Guest • Collaboration Closeout  
**DURAND BERNARR**

Summer Sunset with  
**BRYAN MICHAEL COX**  
with DRUMDRUMS

ROCK BONNERS WITH  
**MAKENZIE**

PARTY HOUR WITH  
**DJ QUIKSILVA**

IN THE MIND • FLEUVE WITH  
**EDREYS WAJED • JEREMY TURPIN**

LIVE PERFORMANCES BY  
**SAUCE THE ARTIST • MERKEL • SOLAYA**  
TWISTE • ANDERSON • DANNER

"CUSTOMERIZATION" with DNTWATCHTV

HOUSE PARTY WITH DJ VES & FRIENDS WITH  
DARAND LAND • DJ CES • DARREN BIGGS • DJ SUPREME

"Beau's Diner" with LOCATIONS

ART WALLS • ARTISTS

PERFORMER • JESSICA MADDALA • JEA • DERRIN HARRIS  
SKY VANCE • NEESE RISH • JOHN PEDRICK • SULA BARNES

Vendors • V-Boys • Pull Up & Pitch • BULLY HILL VINEYARDS • River Club • Family Fun Zone

ALCOHOL BEVERAGES • TICKETS

[BEAUFLEUVEEVENTS.COM](http://BEAUFLEUVEEVENTS.COM)

BULLY HILL VINEYARDS

TicketTailor

JEFF MIERS AND SULLY'S HARBOR BAR present the

## MUSIC MATTERS

Summer Concert Series

**THURSDAYS 7PM**  
**PLUS 2 special FRIDAYS**

**SULLY'S HARBOR BAR**

ADMISSION FREE

**THE BEST Vibe IN BFLO**

**\$5 RED STRIPES**  
**\$10 ADM**

**JUNE 12** OLMSTED DUB SYSTEM & CRITT'S JUKE JOINT

**JUNE 19** ORGAN FAIRCHILD

**JUNE 26** SCARLET BECONIAS

**JULY 3** THE STRICTLY HIP

**JULY 10** GROSH

**JULY 17** JEFF MIERS' GRATEFUL BIRTHDAY JAM

**FRIDAY JULY 11** PUSH THE LIL DAISIES (WEEN TRIBUTE)

**JULY 17** LITTLE MOUNTAIN BAND

play music of LITTLE FEAT and THE BAND

**JULY 24** LAZLO HOLLYFELD & BUE

**JULY 31** THE SCALES

play music of PRESH

**AUGUST 7** FAIRAN AUGUSTA

**AUGUST 14** GIANT PANDA GUERRILLA DUB SQUAD

**AUGUST 21** THE GARAGE DOORS

play music of THE DOORS

**AUGUST 28** THE DAMONE JACKSON OUTCOME

**SEPTEMBER 4** & TIGER CHUNG LEE

THE BLACK ROCK BEATLES

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Buffalo Funk Fest Foundation, Inc. presents

## Jefferson Ave

### Friday Night Live

Each and Every Friday  
June 27th until August 29th, 2025  
5:30pm until 9pm

POWER TO THE PLAYERS!

## MUSIC IS ART

**FESTIVAL 2025**

**SAT SEPT 20**  
BUFFALO'S OUTER HARBOR  
TERMINAL B  
11 AM - 11 PM

**ALWAYS FREE!**

OVER 100 ARTS ON 100 STAGES

ART • EXHIBITION • MARKET • PERFORMANCE • MUSIC • VIDEO • FILM • BOOKS • GARDEN • FOOD • DRINK • FASHION • JEWELRY • CRAFTS • BOOKS • GARDEN • FOOD • DRINK • FASHION • JEWELRY • CRAFTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[MUSICISART.ORG](http://MUSICISART.ORG)

AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS:

## THE 35TH ANNUAL PINE GRILL JAZZ REUNION

**MLK PARK**  
**2-9 PM**  
**SUN. AUG. 3**  
**SUN. AUG. 10**

ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS @ 3PM WITH HEADLINERS BEGINNING @ 6PM

African American Cultural Center

## 2025 Free Events

|             |    |                                     |
|-------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| <b>MAY</b>  | 17 | Bengali Heritage Mela               |
| <b>JUNE</b> | 28 | Central Terminal Car Show           |
| <b>JULY</b> | 10 | Summer Concert Series               |
|             | 17 | Shakespeare at the Central Terminal |
|             | 24 | Summer Concert Series               |
|             | 31 | Family Movie Night                  |
| <b>AUG</b>  | 7  | Summer Concert Series               |
|             | 16 | 6th Annual Back-to-School Giveaway  |
|             | 27 | Family Movie Night                  |
| <b>OCT</b>  | 11 | Fall Fest                           |
|             | 28 | Trunk-or-Treat                      |

495 Padreski Drive | Buffalo, New York

**BUFFALO • CENTRAL • TERMINAL**

#BondingBeyond

## ASIAN FOOD AND CULTURE FESTIVAL

August 10, 2025 Sunday 11 am - 7 pm  
Canalside, Buffalo, New York

Fundraising Committee:

Joanna Huang: 315-396-9729  
Yi Li: 716-259-0145  
Yang Qu: 716-601-8752  
Jasmine Chen: 716-604-4665

www.wmy-coc.org  
www.sacswmy.com  
info@wmy-coc.org

5TH ANNUAL

## ROCK THE BLOCK

BY West Side Community Services

**AUGUST 20, 2025 5-8 P.M.**  
161 VERMONT STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14215

**FREE BLOCK PARTY**  
ALL WELCOME! RAIN OR SHINE!

- ARTS & CRAFTS
- FOAM PARTY
- HAIRLES & GIVEAWAYS
- BALETON ANIMALS
- INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE
- FOOD TRUCKS (CASHING \$)
- FACE PAINTING
- CARNIVAL GAMES

PRESENTED BY **RICH'S** RICH FAMILY FOUNDATION

WITH SUPPORT FROM **ONEGROUP** Good4highboes

## ELMWOOD VILLAGE ART FEST

**aug 24**  
11am - 6pm  
Artists on Elmwood Ave.  
11am - 6pm  
Live Music, Food Trucks  
Performances in Babel Parkway

**aug 25**  
11am - 6pm  
Artists on Elmwood Ave.  
11am - 7pm  
Live Music, Food Trucks  
Performances in Babel Parkway

12pm - 4pm  
Kids area at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church

[elmwoodvillageartfestival.com](http://elmwoodvillageartfestival.com)

## CHALKFEST BUFFALO

THE 2025 THEME IS VIDEO GAMES

**AUGUST 2nd & 3rd | BUFFALO RIVERWORKS**

**KLINGENBERG**

**WALKER WALKFEST**

**HOLSTEIN • MID BODY SPIN • NATURAL**

**SUNDAY AUG 3 (CASH DAY ONLY) 11AM-10PM**

**CASH EVENTS AT BUFFALO RIVERWORKS**

[WWW.BUFFALORIVERWORKS.COM](http://WWW.BUFFALORIVERWORKS.COM)

**JUNE 19 - JULY 13**  
FREE 7-9PM TUESDAYS THRU SUNDAYS

Shakespeare 1111 Delaware Park, Buffalo, NY 14202  
[shakespeareatdelawarepark.org](http://shakespeareatdelawarepark.org)

## TWELFTH NIGHT

**50 SHAKESPEARE**

**Richard III**

**JULY 24 - AUG 17**  
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A haunting show, a gripping story, a timeless love story.

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# Upcoming Events



KeyBank   
**LIVE! AT  
LARKIN**

## 2025 Band Lineup

Every Wednesday 5-8pm | Free Admission & Parking

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>6.04</b> Miller & the Other Sinners<br>ft. MYQ Farrow                                                                        | <b>7.09</b> Radiohead "The Bends"<br>& Beyond by Zak Ward<br>& the Million Dollar Question | <b>8.06</b> Ticketed Event TBA                                                        |
| <b>6.11</b> Grace Stumberg Band & the<br>Twang Gang with special guests                                                         | <b>7.16</b> 716 Day Salute to Rick James<br>& B-Lo Funk by Critt<br>& Universal Phunk      | <b>8.13</b> Songbirds: A Tribute<br>to Fleetwood Mac                                  |
| <b>6.18</b> James Andrews & The Crescent<br>City All Stars with the George<br>Caldwell Trio presented by Big<br>Easy in Buffalo | <b>7.23</b> Springsteen's "Born to Run" at 50<br>presented by Stoneflower                  | <b>8.20</b> Record Store Night with the<br>Damone Jackson Outcome<br>& special guests |
| <b>6.25</b> Talking Dead Heads                                                                                                  | <b>7.30</b> Handsome Jack Does CCR                                                         | <b>8.27</b> Grosh Prime ft. Alex McArthur,<br>Harry Graser & Zak Ward                 |

Presented By **KeyBank** 

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Save the Date!

**BACKYARD  
EDITION!**

**BUFFALO  
WITHOUT  
BORDERS**

THURSDAY AUGUST 14, 2025  
5:30-8:30 PM  
864 DELAWARE AVE, BFLO NY 14209



 INTERNATIONAL  
INSTITUTE  
OF BUFFALO

**Believe in Black Rock**  
Buffalo, NY

**NIGHT OUT**

**FREE Hot Dog Roast**  
Bring a dish to share if you can.

**BYOLC**  
Bring Your Own Lawn Chair

**Neighborhood Picnic**  
All are welcome!

Tuesday **August 5** 2025  
5:30-7:30 pm  
in the Grassroots Garden  
corner of Dearborn Street at Hamilton Street

*It's back!*

THE BUFFALO COMMON COUNCIL  
INVITES YOU TO THE 11TH ANNUAL

*Senior  
Ball  
2025*

HOSTED BY  
THE BUFFALO COMMON COUNCIL

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025  
4PM-8PM (DOORS OPEN AT 3PM)**

BUFFALO NIAGARA CONVENTION CENTER  
153 FRANKLIN ST, BUFFALO, NY 14202

**FREE EVENT**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER: AUGUST 15**

**To register your name, please call our office at 716-851-4138.**



The City of Buffalo  
Common Council  
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## 2025 HOUSING RESOURCE GUIDE

### CONTACTS FOR BURA-FUNDED PROGRAMS

Funding is available to help address health & safety hazards to keep residents stably housed. Call 3-1-1 or check out the [Community Based Organization Lookup Tool](#).

 **MATT URBAN**  
Housing Services Center of Western New York  
(716) 893-7222 x 214  
[urbanctr.org](http://urbanctr.org)

  
(716) 882-7661  
[hocn.org](http://hocn.org)

  
(716) 856-8613  
[old1stward.com](http://old1stward.com)

  
(716) 832-1010  
[udcda.org](http://udcda.org)

**Matt Urban  
Center**  
[urbanctr.org](http://urbanctr.org)  
1081 Broadway  
(716) 893-7222  
Buffalo, NY 14212

**Heart of the City  
Neighborhoods**  
[hocn.org](http://hocn.org)  
135 Delaware Ave #503  
(716) 882-7661  
Buffalo, NY 14201

**Old First Ward  
Community Assoc.**  
[old1stward.com](http://old1stward.com)  
62 Republic St.  
(716) 856-8613  
Buffalo, NY 14204

**University District Community  
Development Assoc.**  
[udcda.org](http://udcda.org)  
3242 Main St.  
(716) 832-1010  
Buffalo, NY 14214

## SMART START for SCHOOL

For a healthy and successful school year,  
it's important for your child to have their annual  
well visit before classes begin.

During the annual well visit, your child's healthcare provider will:

- Give your child a complete physical exam.
- Check your child's vision and hearing.
- Make sure your child's vaccines are up to date.

Remember, some vaccines are required for school. If your child  
doesn't have those vaccines, they may miss classes in the fall.



No one likes  
mosquitoes.

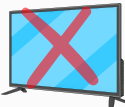


[erie.gov/health](http://erie.gov/health)

WASTE DROP OFF LOCATIONS & ITEMS

| ITEMS                     | COB Engineering Garage<br>1120 Seneca St. | East Side Transfer Station<br>793 S. Odgen St. | Geiter Done<br>383 Babcock St. | Broadway Garage<br>197 Broadway St. | Home Garbage<br>2 Piece Bulk Trash |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Appliances                | ✓                                         | ✓                                              | ✗                              | ✗                                   | ✓                                  |
| Universal Waste           | ✓                                         | ✓                                              | ✗                              | ✗                                   | ✗                                  |
| Yard Waste                | ✗                                         | ✓                                              | ✓                              | ✗                                   | ✓                                  |
| Tires                     | ✗                                         | ✗                                              | ✗                              | ✓                                   | ✗                                  |
| Household Hazardous Waste | ✗                                         | ✗                                              | ✗                              | ✗                                   | ✗                                  |
| Electronic Waste          | ✓                                         | ✗                                              | ✗                              | ✗                                   | ✗                                  |
| Furniture                 | ✗                                         | ✓                                              | ✗                              | ✗                                   | ✓                                  |

CURBSIDE PROGRAM

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Regular Trash:                   | Place all garbage in the city-provided tote for collection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Bulk Trash Collection:           | <p><b>Limit:</b> Up to <b>TWO (2)</b> pieces of bulk trash can be collected on your regular collection day.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p><b>Examples of Bulk Trash:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Furniture (e.g., couches, chairs)</li> <li>◦ Appliances</li> <li>◦ Large toys</li> <li>◦ Bundles of wood or tree branches (4-foot sections)</li> <li>◦ Mattresses and box springs</li> <li>◦ Carpet (cut into 4-foot sections)</li> <li>◦ Boxes of miscellaneous items</li> <li>◦ Example: One couch + one 4-foot bundle of branches = two pieces of bulk trash.</li> </ul> |
| Items NOT Allowed at the Curb:   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TVs or computers</li> <li>• Tires</li> <li>• Construction debris</li> <li>• Hazardous waste</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Large Bulk Waste Collection Days | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated Dates for Each Council District!</li> <li>• Limit: 4 cubic yards (12 feet long, 3 feet high, 3 feet wide) of Large Bulk Trash.</li> <li>• When: Communication will be sent in the Fall and Spring with scheduled collection dates.</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |



Contact Us:

- 716-851-5636
- 65 Niagara Sq. Room 502 Buffalo, NY 14202

Visit our website here





## FIGHT TICKS ONE YARD AT A TIME



### MOW, CLEAR & REMOVE

REGULARLY REMOVE GRASS, LEAVES AND DEBRIS AND KEEP WOODPILES STACKED NEATLY AWAY FROM THE HOUSE, OFF THE GROUND IF POSSIBLE



### DEER-PROOF YOUR LAWN

REMOVE PLANTS THAT ATTRACT DEER TO DISCOURAGE THEM FROM ENTERING YOUR LAWN & BRINGING TICKS

### PROTECT PLAY AREAS

KEEP PLAYGROUNDS, SANDBOXES, BENCHES AND SITTING AREAS AWAY FROM SHRUBS, BUSHES & VEGETATION.



### COVER SKIN & USE REPELLENTS

WEAR LONG SLEEVES AND TUCK YOUR PANTS INTO SOCKS AND SHIRTS INTO PANTS; CHECK YOURSELF, KIDS AND ANIMALS FOR TICKS.



### TICK CONTROL

TICK CONTROL PRODUCTS CAN BE APPLIED BY A HOMEOWNER OR PROFESSIONAL PEST CONTROL EXPERT. FOLLOW LABEL DIRECTIONS.

[www.erie.gov/health](http://www.erie.gov/health)

## Tick Season

Imagine a monster that swells to three times its normal size as it feasts on human and animal blood. It sounds like something out of a horror movie, but it describes what happens when a tick attaches itself to its victim's skin. Even worse, as the tick hangs on, it can transmit bacteria that can cause severe illness.

Warmer weather means many people will spend more time outdoors, where ticks are waiting. The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is sharing recommendations to prevent tick bites and reduce the risks for tick-borne illnesses.

Residents can start by being aggressive about tick control in spaces like yards and lawns.

## Erie County Health Department purple OPEN Stands are stocked with Narcan

### OPEN Stands



[erie.gov/narcan](http://erie.gov/narcan)

The Erie County Department of Health provides in-person and virtual Narcan training sessions. New sessions are posted for 2025! All participants receive a free Narcan kit and certificate of completion. Text 716-225-5473 to receive free Narcan by mail and visit [erie.gov/narcan](http://erie.gov/narcan) for training dates and locations.



# SUMMER HEALTH & SAFETY FOR KIDS!

## HELPFUL TIPS

- Visit [summermealsNY.org](https://summermealsNY.org) for free meals for children under 18.
- Maintain routines and keep regular bedtime/wake up schedules.
- Eat local fresh fruits & vegetables - see [erie.gov/eriegrown](https://erie.gov/eriegrown)

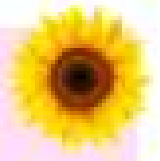


## UNPLUG & PLAY

- Encourage outdoor play.
- Go for a walk with a buddy or a pet.
- Explore parks in Buffalo and Erie County.
- Check out books, games and sports equipment from your local library.
- Stock up on sidewalk chalk, bubbles, board games.
- Limit screen time to 2 hours per day.



## MENTAL HEALTH



- Check in with friends and family regularly.
- Spend time with friends in-person or virtually.
- Join community programs at your local library or park.
- Journal, draw, and play to spark joy and reduce stress.
- Download the EriePath app - [erie.gov/erlepath](https://erie.gov/erlepath).

Get ready to go back to school. Stay up to date with doctor's checkups & recommended vaccines.



## SAFETY REMINDERS:

- Teach children when and how to call 9-1-1.
- Add Poison Control to all phones: 1-800-222-1222.
- Always have a first-aid kit on hand for emergencies.
- Wear helmets when riding bikes, skateboards or roller skates
- Wear sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat when outside.
- Hydrate! Drink water, avoid sugary drinks and caffeine.
- Supervise children near pools and bodies of water.
- Protect against tick and mosquito bites with insect repellent.
- Lock up firearms & medications.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [erie.gov/summersafety](https://erie.gov/summersafety)

# ALREADY SPRUNG



**DON'T MISS THESE MARKETS!**

For more information, visit our site at [erie.gov/eriegrown](http://erie.gov/eriegrown)

| MARKET          | LOCATION                            | DAY                  | HOURS      | ACCEPTS          |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------|
| Clinton-Bailey  | 1443 Clinton Street, Buffalo 14203  | Daily                | 8am-5pm    | SNAP, FMNP, DUFB |
| East Aurora     | 115 Riley Street, East Aurora 14052 | Wednesday;<br>Sunday | 7am-1pm    | FMNP             |
| Elmwood Village | Bidwell Parkway, Buffalo 14222      | Saturdays            | 8am-1pm    | SNAP, FMNP, DUFB |
| Hamburg         | 45 Church Street, Hamburg 14075     | Saturdays            | 7:30am-1pm | SNAP, FMNP, DUFB |
| Holland         | 49 N. Main Street, Holland 14080    | Sundays              | 8:30am-1pm | FMNP             |



# BULK TRASH SCHEDULE 2025 FALL COLLECTION



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER P. SCANLON

**BULK TRASH LIMITED TO**  
12 ft long, 3 ft high, 3 ft wide  
No TV's, Computers or  
Construction Debris Allowed!  
**PLEASE FOLLOW ALL PARKING  
REGULATIONS DURING YOUR  
BULK TRASH WEEK**

## 2025 TIRE DROP-OFF SCHEDULE

**July 12  
September 13**

197 BROADWAY  
7:00AM – 3:00PM  
(BROADWAY GARAGE)

Limit of 4 tires per drop off per household

### DISTRICT

### START DATE

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| ELLICOTT .....   | JULY 27      |
| FILLMORE .....   | AUGUST 3     |
| NIAGARA .....    | AUGUST 10    |
| MASTEN .....     | AUGUST 17    |
| LOVEJOY .....    | AUGUST 24    |
| SOUTH .....      | SEPTEMBER 7  |
| DELAWARE .....   | SEPTEMBER 14 |
| NORTH .....      | SEPTEMBER 21 |
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## LET'S GET READY FOR SUMMER HEAT



Summers in Erie County are getting hotter. Planning for hot weather will keep you cool, safe and healthy this summer.

[ERIE.GOV/HEALTH-EQUITY](http://erie.gov/health-equity)

### Summer Heat Safety Recommendations:

- WEAR light-colored, loose clothing.
- DRINK water; avoid alcohol.
- FIND shade where you can.
- STAY in air-conditioned spaces.
- AVOID using your oven or stove.
- TAKE cool (not cold!) showers/baths.
- TAKE breaks when outside.
- AVOID/limit physical activity.
- KNOW the early signs of heat illness.
- CHECK on loved ones, neighbors and anyone who lives alone.

June 2025

## Rite Aid closures



**Avoid missed doses and treatment disruptions**



**Contact your doctors now to transfer prescriptions**



**Ask new pharmacy about mail order, delivery and curbside options**



*As Rite Aid pharmacies close across Western New York, patients may need to transfer prescriptions to a new pharmacy. If you're affected, take these steps to ensure a safe and smooth transition:*

- Notify your doctor about the change so they can help coordinate your care.
- Bring an updated list of all medications, including over-the-counter items and supplements, to your new pharmacy.
- Confirm that all prescriptions have transferred correctly and report any issues.
- Ask about generic alternatives or assistance programs if cost is a concern.
- Store medications safely and out of reach of children and pets.



Join NFTA-METRO for an

# OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday, August 20, 12 pm - 3 pm**

Downtown BusStation  
181 Ellicott Street, Buffalo

## To Apply



Scan the QR Code  
or visit: [jobs.nfta.com](http://jobs.nfta.com)

Questions?  
**Contact Human Resources**  
**716.855.6500**

THE NFTA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

## Hiring All Postions:

Paratransit Operators  
Bus Operators  
Mechanics  
Custodians  
Helpers

## Benefits

Free Bus + Rail Pass  
Guaranteed 40 Hours  
Paid Time Off  
Benefits



# Struggling to pay your water bill? Help is available.

We offer a variety of programs to help lower your bill and reduce or eliminate any outstanding bill balances while ensuring that you continue to receive high quality water and sewer service.



## Convenient

Step-by-step online experience that is simple and quick

## Multiple Options

Many different programs are available to help

## Flexible

We offer flexible and affordable payment plans with PromisePay

### What is PromisePay?

PromisePay is an online service that makes it easy to pay off your total balance and become debt-free. PromisePay works with Buffalo Water to offer interest-free payment plans for your debt.

**Who is Eligible?** We offer a variety of programs with different eligibility requirements - from payment plans to total bill relief funds from the State of New York, we likely have an affordability plan that meets your needs.

To learn more about our affordability programs and to sign up, please visit:

[getwaterwisebuffalo.org](http://getwaterwisebuffalo.org)

# CITY OF BUFFALO RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE DROP-OFF



## HOURS OF OPERATION:

## GEITER DONE OF WNY

383 Babcock Street - Buffalo, New York

**Monday through Friday / 7:30AM - 3:30PM**

Everyone must sign in & show proof of City of Buffalo residency

**NO EXCEPTIONS! LICENSED CONTRACTORS WHO ARE DROPPING OFF  
YARD WASTE ON BEHALF OF A BUFFALO RESIDENT MUST RECEIVE  
PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

### ACCEPTABLE MATERIAL

#### MUST BE LOOSE OR IN CLEAR OR PAPER BAGS

- Branches
- Brush
- Christmas trees
- Leaves
- Plant cuttings
- Stumps
- Tree trimmings/limbs
- Uncontaminated wood waste

### UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL

#### OTHER WASTE

- Grass clippings
- Blacktop
- Rubber
- Dirt/soil
- Roofing material
- Glass
- Landscape fabric
- Metal / Rocks / Concrete
- Garbage or putrescible waste

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 851-5014**

Illegal dumping will be monitored and violators fined. Geiter Done of Western New York has the right to refuse any material at its discretion. Please be prepared to show identification.

# 2025 HOUSING RESOURCE GUIDE

## Rental & Owner Housing Rehab

Funding is available to help address health & safety hazards to keep residents stably housed. Call 3-1-1 or check out the [Community Based Organization Lookup Tool](#).



(716) 893-7222 x 214  
urbanctr.org



(716) 882-7661  
hocn.org

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION



(716) 832-1010  
udcda.org



(716) 856-8613  
old1stward.com

## City of Buffalo Lead Grant Program – **Now available CITYWIDE!!! Fall 2024**

The City's Lead Hazard Reduction Grant provides up to \$20,000 per unit to eligible property owners for repairs and lead-based paint hazard reduction. **This grant is now available City Wide.** Contact the housing organization assigned to your address to apply or call 3-1-1 to find out which agency is assigned to your address.

## Emergency Loan Assistance Program

Funds repairs of a verified emergency condition such as an inoperable furnace, faulty electrical service, broken hot water tank, or break in the main water or sewer line. Loan funds are provided at no interest and partial conditional grants are available for all eligible applicants. The amount to be repaid will be based on household income.

## Roof Program

Funds are available for repair of a severely deteriorated roof where water infiltration into the habitable area has been verified.

## Owner Occupied Home Repair Program

Funding from the City of Buffalo, NYS Housing and Community Renewal, and Affordable Housing Corporation is providing low-income homeowners with dollars to help with home repairs and make them more energy efficient.

## Target Focus Area Program

Funds for code-related repairs and lead-based paint hazard reduction are available to owner-occupant households who reside on Target streets. Loan funds are provided at no interest and partial conditional grants are available for all eligible applicants. The amount to be repaid will be based on household income.

## Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance Program

Funding up to \$10,000 is available to first-time homebuyers to assist in meeting closing costs and down payment expenses attributable to the purchase of a single-family home. Loan funds are provided at no interest as a conditional grant. No monthly or annual payments are required, but the amount provided must be repaid if the property is sold within the five-year regulatory period.

## 50/50 Program

City of Buffalo's 50/50 Rehab Program offers income-eligible homeowners up to \$25,000 grants to fund 50% of their project cost in order to make needed home repairs.

# LET'S GET LEAD SAFE

LEAD POISONING IS 100% PREVENTABLE



LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOUR  
FAMILY AND PROPERTY AT  
**GETAHEADOFLEAD.ORG**

GET AHEAD  
OF LEAD 

SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR  
AFFORDABLE  
HOME REPAIRS AT  
**GETAHEADOFLEAD.ORG**



TACKLING LEAD PAINT IN  
YOUR PROPERTY COULD  
BE EASIER  
AND MORE AFFORDABLE  
THAN YOU THINK.

Fall 2024  
Now  
Available  
Citywide!

# COMMON COUNCIL INFORMATION

## SEPTEMBER 2025

### Council Meetings

**2PM**

**Council Chambers**

**September 2**

**September 16**

**September 30**

### Committee Meetings

**Civil Service - 9:45 AM**

**Finance - 10:00 AM**

**Legislation - 1:00 PM**

**Community Development - 2:00 PM**

**Held in Council Chambers**

**September 9**

**September 23**

All meetings are live-streamed via Zoom on  
the Buffalo Common Council Facebook page  
([facebook.com/BFLOCC](https://facebook.com/BFLOCC))

For more information:  
[buffalony.gov/CommonCouncil](http://buffalony.gov/CommonCouncil)



The City of Buffalo  
Common Council

## Filing an Item

**FILING DEADLINE:**

**Thursday at 2:00PM before each  
regularly scheduled Buffalo Common  
Council Meeting**

The Common Council considers "items" during  
committee meetings and Council meetings.

*Example(s): Trailblazing Sign Request, suggestive  
legislation, letters regarding issues.*

Public can submit through the Clerk's office,  
calling Central Staff Office (716)-851-5105, or  
emailing [councilstaff@buffalony.gov](mailto:councilstaff@buffalony.gov)



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## Request to speak at a Committee Public Hearing

**WWW.BUFFALONY.GOV/  
SPEAK**



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Common Council

For more information about the Buffalo Common Council visit  
[www.buffalony.gov/CommonCouncil](http://www.buffalony.gov/CommonCouncil)

# FILLMORE RESOURCES

## Helpful Contacts:

**Fillmore District  
Council Office**

(716) 851-4138

**Erie County Health  
Department**

(716) 858-7690

**A. District Police  
Station**

(716) 851-4415

**B. District Police  
Station**

(716) 851-4403

**C. District Police  
Station**

(716) 851-4412

**Matt Urban Center**

*(Homeowner Assistance)*

(716) 893-7222

**Broadway Fillmore  
Neighborhood Housing  
Services**

*(Homeowner Assistance)*

(716) 852-3130



## Your Representatives:

**U.S. Congressman  
Tim Kennedy**

(716) 852-3501

**Erie County District  
1 Legislator**

**Lawrence Dupre**

(716) 842-0490

**Erie County District  
2 Legislator**

**Taisha St. Jean**

**Tard**

(716) 895-1849

**NYS Senator  
Sean Ryan**

716-854-8705

**NYS Senator  
April Baskin**

(716) 826-2683

**Assemblywoman**

**Crystal Peoples-Stokes**

(716) 897-9714

**NYS Assemblyman**

**Jon Rivera**

716-885-9630

## Need help Get Answers.

# CALL 2-1-1

**Confidential • Free • Accessible 24/7**

211 connects you to local agencies that  
can assist with:

**FOOD, HOUSING, UTILITY ASSISTANCE,  
CLOTHING, MENTAL HEALTH,  
DISABILITIES, PREGNANCY,  
EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH CARE,  
SUBSTANCE USE, FREE TAX PREP**

Call 211 or 888-696-9211



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