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I'm just gonna put this out there: I love my city. I love sitting at a cafe on Elmwood Avenue and watching the world go by. I love kayaking through Elevator Alley on a warm summer day. I love concerts at Canalside and eating my way along the Buffalo Wing Trail. Sunsets at Wilkeson Pointe. Biking the Outer Harbor Trail and relaxing over beers with my buddies at one of Buffalo's classic corner taverns. And yeah, I love the Bills and Sabres and I really have a soft spot for the Buffalo Bisons. Look me up the next time you're in Buffalo. I'll make sure you leave loving this place just as much as I do.

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ZIPLINING AT RIVERWORKS

Get a birds' eye view of Buffalo ziplining between the grain elevators at RiverWorks.



YOGA AT CANALSIDE

Yoga classes at Canalside are just one way to enjoy the reinvented Buffalo waterfront.



BUFFALO'S PUBLIC ART

"Wildflowers for Buffalo" is artist Louise Jones' whimsical contribution to Buffalo's public art scene.



ERIC FRICK

MEET MY **UNEXPECTED** BUFFALO

YOU WILL **PARTY HARDER, EAT BETTER,**
AND MAKE MORE NEW FRIENDS IN A BUFFALO
WEEKEND THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN AMERICA

BY MATT MELTZER

EVERYONE I'D EVER MET FROM BUFFALO HAD AN IRRATIONAL AMOUNT OF CIVIC PRIDE

Like, New Jersey levels of irrational. Which seemed a little odd for a city that for years was a national punchline.

"It's so great!" they'd tell me with a hint of Western New York twang. *"The food's amazing. The bars are insane. But it's the people. They're so genuine! Friendly and genuine."*

In Miami, where I live, *genuine* just means you have all your original body parts, and *friendly* means you haven't actively tried to overthrow a government. It was a low bar, so I brushed them off and changed the subject.

But they would bring it up. Every. Damn. Time.

"Enough," I'd invariably say after they managed to work the wonders of Buffalo into a conversation about dryer sheets. *"We get it. You love Buffalo. What exactly does that have to do with Cuddle Soft?"*

After years of listening to former Buffalonians tout the greatness of their hometown, I finally had the opportunity to check it out when *Thrillist* asked me to write a travel feature in 2016.

My Buffalo friends were irrationally excited.

On my first night in town, I sat at the swanky rooftop bar at the **Curtiss Hotel**, enjoying a warm sunset in late October.

A woman asked me where I was from. Then she asked what I was drinking, and bought me another drink. Her husband joined her a few minutes later and they continued buying me drinks, until we found ourselves there well after midnight.

In Florida, this story ends with a highly inappropriate invitation and a story not fit for a family publication.

In Buffalo though, it ends with them giving me their phone number, and telling me to hit them up the next day to visit a couple of local breweries. One night in, and I'd already made two new friends.

My journey through the epic friendliness that is Buffalo continued. I was welcomed to a Bills tailgate despite wearing the opposing team's colors (and not slammed headfirst through a table). After the game, two workers from Ontario picked up my bill at **Anchor Bar** because they felt bad my team lost. I tried to leave the venerable **Old Pink** at 3 a.m., when a group of strangers insisted I stay, buying me shots, followed by an invitation to an after party that might still be going on for all I know.

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VUE ROOFTOP LOUNGE AT THE CURTISS HOTEL



As I wrote in the *Thrillist* article — you will party harder, eat better, and make more new friends in a Buffalo weekend than anywhere else in America. The people are real and the food is great.

**IN AN ERA WHEN NEWER,
SUN BELT CITIES ALL START
TO LOOK AND FEEL THE SAME,
BUFFALO FEELS LIKE
NOWHERE BUT BUFFALO.**

But it's not just the drink-with-us-until-sunrise culture that makes Buffalo such a special place. It's that in an era when newer, Sun Belt cities all start to look and feel the same, full of wide roads and glass towers, Buffalo feels like nowhere but Buffalo.

The air smells like Cheerios, which is pretty hard to duplicate. But it's more than the oat-filled air. It comes back to the people, and their unwavering love for their city.

Despite heavy manufacturing leaving Buffalo 50 years ago, Buffalonians have embraced their industrial past and restored their most beautiful buildings. The long-abandoned Larkin Soap Company

campus — essentially the Amazon HQ of the early twentieth century — is now a grand brick home to small businesses, professional offices and tech start-ups. The surrounding **Larkinville** area is filling former warehouses with young professionals and entrepreneurs.

The grain silos along the Buffalo River are almost a second skyline. They've been repurposed in recent years for recreation, entertainment and cultural events. **RiverWorks** turned former silos into a brewery and adventure park, where you can zipline between grain elevators with views over the city. At **Silo City** you can rent a kayak and paddle through Buffalo's industrial past or take a vertical tour to the top of one of the towering concrete monoliths.

After two trips in a year, I bring up Buffalo every chance I get. I mention it on press trips in places like Dubai, telling any travel writer who'll listen why Buffalo is such a truly great American destination.

"Enough," a writer whose heard me make this spiel before will invariably say. *"We get it. You love Buffalo. What exactly does that have to do with the Burj Khalifa?"*

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MY 5 TO TRY
BY MATT MELTZER

1 BUFFALO RIVERWORKS

The perfect example of Buffalo turning something old into awesome and new is this brewery and adventure park on the Buffalo River, where you can zipline between old grain silos, enjoy a cold beer by the water, ice skate, or try your hand on the climbing wall outside. *359 Ganson Street, Buffalo*
buffaloriverworks.com

2 ANCHOR BAR

This is the birthplace of the Buffalo wing. You'd be remiss if you visit the city and don't at least try the place that started it all. *1047 Main St., Buffalo*
anchorbar.com

3 SILO CITY

One of the coolest restored spaces in America is this historic collection of grain elevators on the Buffalo River, that now serve as an occasional concert venue, poetry reading center and calming kayak course among towering relics of the city's past. *85 Silo City Row, Buffalo* • silo.city



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4 MAMMOSER'S TAVERN

This low-ceilinged neighborhood tavern in nearby Hamburg is the picture of Buffalo tavern culture, where locals crowd around the narrow bar watching hockey and eating deliciously-spicy wings. *16 Buffalo St., Hamburg*

5 THE OLD PINK

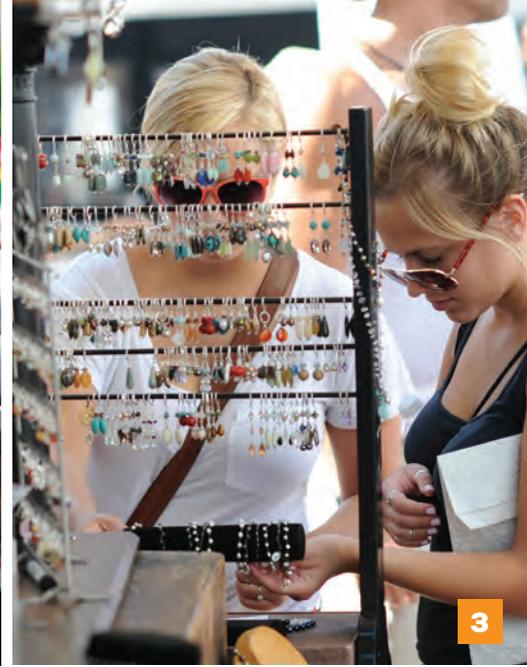
They say the best nights in Buffalo are the ones you don't remember, and most of them start at this legendary dive bar in Allentown. You'll meet a cross section of everyone in the city, and don't be surprised if the friends you make don't let the night end at closing time. *223 Allen Street, Buffalo*

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Oh man, what an awesome venue! Sportsmen's Tavern is the real deal. A true Buffalo institution. It's the kind of honky-tonk you'd find in a place like Austin. Super nice bartenders. Affordable drinks. Friendly crowd. Great local and national bands. And there's not a bad seat in the house. Definitely, one of the best places to hear live music in Buffalo.

ERIC FRICK



9 Events TO PLAN YOUR TRIP AROUND

BY DREW BROWN

Buffalo loves a good party. And good food. And being outside. We love traditions, parades and annual rituals — the days that bring together thousands of locals, homesick ex-pats and hip visitors who have picked up on Buffalo's fun-loving vibe. Now it's your turn to party like a local. Plan your trip around one of these signature events.

For a complete calendar of events, go to [VisitBuffaloNiagara.com/events](https://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/events)

1. FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY

For seven months of the year, Tuesday evenings in Larkin Square are the tastiest place in Buffalo. From burritos to BBQ, mac and cheese to milkshakes, Food Truck Tuesday, featuring nearly 50 trucks, is one of the largest weekly food truck rodeos in the country.

Every Tuesday from April through October » [larkinsquare.com](https://www.larkinsquare.com)

2. PRIDE

At Buffalo Pride, individuality is celebrated and all walks of life are welcome to partake in the fun. Whether you're lining the sidewalks of Elmwood Avenue for the two-mile parade or dancing at the Pride Festival at Canalside, don't miss one of Buffalo's best annual community events.

June 2 » [buffalopridefestival.com](https://www.buffalopridefestival.com)

3. ALLENTOWN ART FESTIVAL

Now in its 62nd year, the Allentown Art Festival signals the start of summer as hundreds of talented artists and vendors line the streets of this funky neighborhood. Be sure to head down Allen Street where you'll find even more art and artists at the Allen West Festival, the younger, slightly rebellious sibling of the main event.

June 8-9

[allentownartfestival.com](https://www.allentownartfestival.com)

4. JUNETEENTH

This two-day celebration of African-American culture, tradition, music and cuisine is one of the largest in the nation. Celebrating its 44th year in 2019, Buffalo's Juneteenth features more than 100 vendors. Following the kickoff parade, enjoy two days of outdoor activities around Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

June 15-16 » [juneteenthofbuffalo.com](https://www.juneteenthofbuffalo.com)

5. TASTE OF BUFFALO

Prepare for the best food that Buffalo has to offer. More than 50 local restaurants dish out delicious samples, from local specialties to global cuisine. With live music and culinary demonstrations, the largest two-day food festival in the U.S. is a foodie's paradise.

July 13-14 » [tasteofbuffalo.com](https://www.tasteofbuffalo.com)

6. COBBLESTONE LIVE!

Cobblestone Live!, located in the Historic Cobblestone district of downtown Buffalo, features three outdoor stages, one inside Buffalo Iron Works, and another inside Lockhouse Distillery. Along with nearly 40 bands, you'll find beer, wine, cider, food trucks, as well as games and activities for all ages.

August 2-3 » [cobblestonelive.com](https://www.cobblestonelive.com)

7. ERIE COUNTY FAIR

The Fair is pure Americana. Since 1820, the Erie County Fair has entertained millions of visitors at the Hamburg Fairgrounds. The Fair features loads of family-friendly events including a petting zoo and animal exhibits, an expansive midway, amusement park rides and, of course, traditional treats like deep-fried Oreos and kettle corn.

August 7-18 » [ecfair.org](https://www.ecfair.org)

8. NATIONAL BUFFALO WING FESTIVAL

After you've traveled the Buffalo Wing Trail, join thousands of wing fanatics as they make the annual Labor Day pilgrimage to the birthplace of this signature Buffalo delicacy. Sample more than 100 varieties of wings and watch the U.S. Chicken Wing Eating Championship.

**August 31-September 1
[buffalowing.com](https://www.buffalowing.com)**

9. BORDERLAND MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

This weekend-long music and art festival headquartered at Knox Farm State Park in East Aurora embodies the spirit of this crafty village. Local and national acts take the stage, fine craft breweries pour a glass and local restaurants dish out incredible eats while local woodworkers, glass blowers and smiths show off their meticulous skills.

September 21-22

[borderlandfestival.com](https://www.borderlandfestival.com)

FIRST ROW, (L - R): RHEA ANNA, STEPHANIE WARDROP, NANCY J. PARISI
SECOND ROW, (L - R): KC KRATT, TASTE OF BUFFALO, NANCY J. PARISI
THIRD ROW, (L - R): ERIE COUNTY FAIR, ONION STUDIO, BORDERLAND FESTIVAL

STEVE GEDRA

Executive Chef/Owner

THE BLACK SHEEP RESTAURANT & BAR

“People love wings and beers every once in a while, and while those are still great, we’re starting to see a really nice diverse food scene here because some badasses have been turned loose with their own ideas and are fully empowered to do whatever the hell they want. So, you’re gonna see some pretty spectacular s*** sometimes, you know what I mean?”

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DREW BROWIN

ARTHUR'S Food Finds

BY BRIAN HAYDEN

ARTHUR BOVINO MAY KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT BUFFALO'S FOOD SCENE AS ANYONE IN WESTERN NEW YORK.

Bovino, a New York City-based food and travel writer whose credits include *The New York Times*, *Travel and Leisure* and *Bon Appetit*, spent a month living and breathing Buffalo food for his new book, *Buffalo Everything*. The nearly 400 page book is the definitive guide to Buffalo food, offering detailed explanations of iconic Buffalo cuisines and the best spots to find them, including beef on weck, wings and sponge candy, as well as the new generation of restaurants and the up-and-coming chefs at their helm. Bovino also recently released *The Buffalo New York Cookbook: 50 Recipes from the Nickel City*, providing chefs everywhere with do-it-yourself tips for the city's culinary classics.

The extent of Bovino's research was exhaustive and mind-boggling; he visited eateries all around the region and interviewed dozens of chefs and restaurateurs. We caught up with him to find out what he learned from his research — and why he thinks Buffalo is a bucket-list destination for foodies.

What sets Buffalo's food scene apart? I'd single out a true LOVE for guilty pleasures, a penchant for indulgence, and at the places I mention in the book, a pride in making things fresh and well. You could argue it's the comfort food capital of America, for sure. And while I'd rather not eat wings anywhere else, it's not just about its nationally known icons and how well they're made. There are tremendous lesser-known specialties (steak-in-the-grass, chicken finger subs, stingers, fried bologna, sponge candy, Tom & Jerry cocktails). Buffalo has great mom-and-pop shops dedicated to their signatures.

What most surprised you about Buffalo's food scene? I had no idea of the depth of passion and commitment to the food scene before I started digging in and speaking with folks. I didn't know how much of a seasonal food calendar there was (Tom & Jerrys, sponge candy, custard, hot dogs, pasta con sarde, and paczki among other things). I didn't know I was going to find spots like Las Puertas or discover good tacos, or that there was a whole sub sandwich culture to explore.

Why is Buffalo a great destination for foodies? There's far more nuance and scope to explore than many would expect. There are great international flavors. And mystifyingly, it's largely still undiscovered by much of the country.

ARTHUR'S TOP BUFFALO FOODS & WHERE TO FIND THEM

WINGS: You'll feel obligated to (and probably should) hit both Anchor Bar and Duff's, but the place not to miss is Nine-Eleven Tavern.

PIZZA: Bocce and La Nova. Be sure to order at least one pie with pepperoni. Cup-and-char is Buffalo's signature style.

BEEF ON WECK: You need to hit a place with a carving station in full view like both Schwabl's and Charlie the Butcher.

TOM & JERRY COCKTAILS: They're only made from November to March (at the latest) and many places stop after New Year's. Naming the best Tom & Jerry in town is kind of like ranking Christmases. You can't go wrong at McPartlan's, The Place, and Schwabl's.

SPONGE CANDY: It's a love-it-or-hate-it kind of thing, but it's surely a Buffalo thing. Ko-Ed and Alethea's.

ARTHUR BOVINO



▲ **FRIED BOLOGNA SANDWICH:** Toutant. Toutant. Toutant.

"Buffalo Everything" and "The Buffalo New York Cookbook" are available at Talking Leaves Books, 951 Elmwood Ave.



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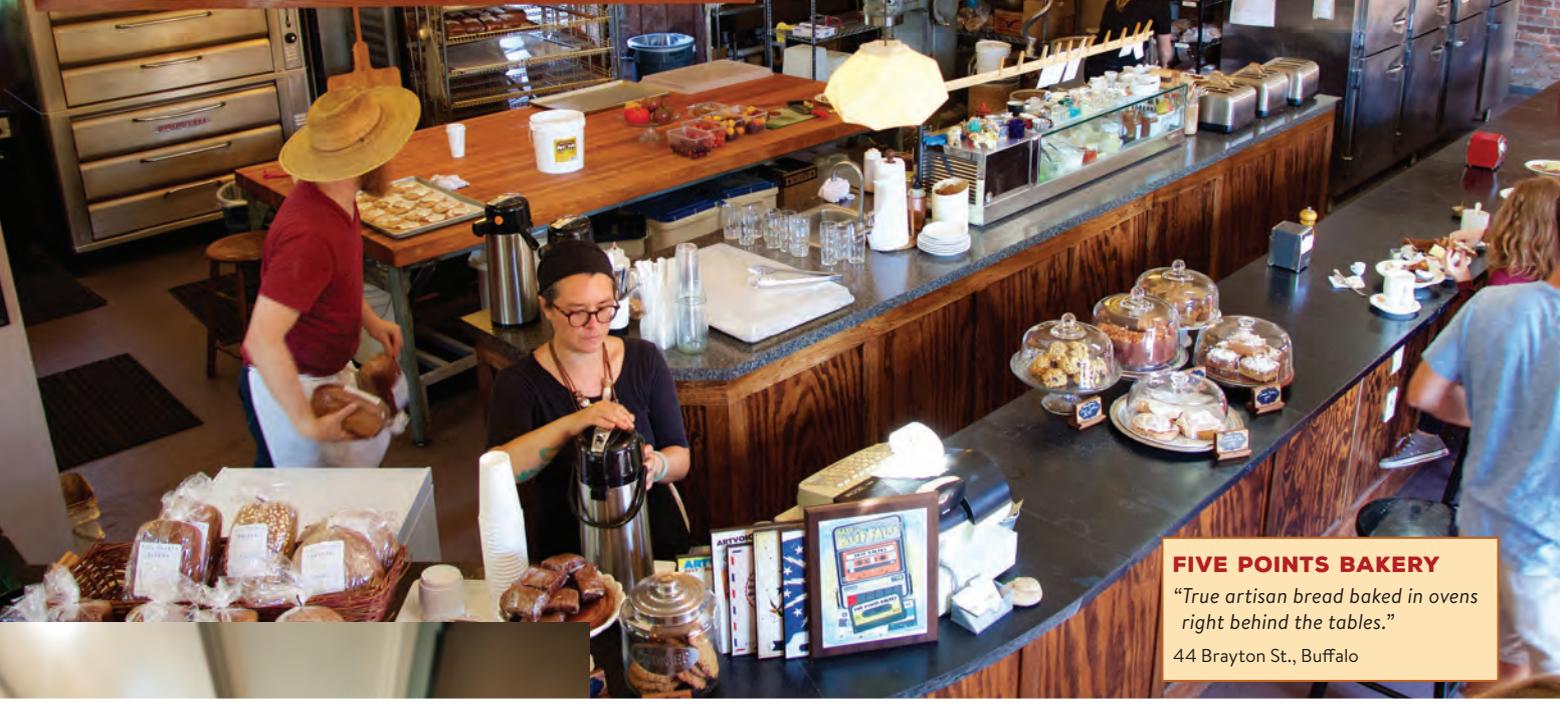


TED'S HOT DOGS

Heartland ROADFOOD at its Finest

BY ED HEALY

Michael Stern is the leading authority on the simple pleasures of the American roadside diet. Over the course of a lengthy career as a food writer, he has eaten his way across the U.S.A. in search of the finest regional specialties. When he calls Buffalo "*one of the great eating cities*" it's no faint praise. It's recognition of a local food tradition that's among the very best in the United States. Here's a sampling of Buffalo dining spots that Roadfood.com says are "*worth a drive from anywhere.*"



FIVE POINTS BAKERY
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44 Brayton St., Buffalo



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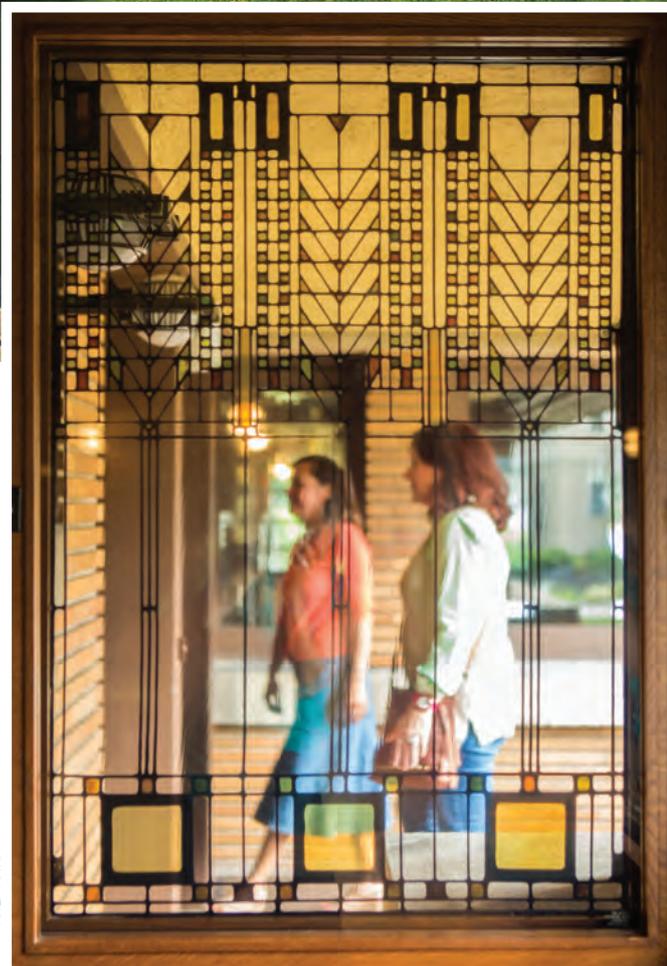
FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S



PATRICK MAHONEY, AIA

BY ERIC JACKSON-FORSBERG & ED HEALY

Staff at **Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House Complex** used to joke that Darwin Martin, the patron behind Wright's Buffalo masterpiece, never expected the Martin House to be built... twice. Not only was the masterful "domestic symphony" constructed, it has been brought back from the brink of demolition and meticulously restored (including reconstructing three buildings) to Wright's original vision. It's become a must-see destination for architecture-loving pilgrims from around the world. martinhouse.org



RHEA ANNA

BUFFALO



Graycliff is the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed lakeside counterpart to the Darwin Martin House — the summer home where the Martin Family went for cool lake breezes, panoramic views and eight acres of tranquility. Like its city sibling, Graycliff has been undergoing a top to bottom restoration that is nearly complete. Built in the 1920s, Graycliff gives visitors “a glimpse into the mind of Wright who would soon design the Fallingwater house,” according to *Buffalo Architecture: A Guide*.

experiencegraycliff.org



BUFFALO AERIAL PICTURES



GRANT TAYLOR

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN!

Buffalo has been called a “vast outdoor museum.” Find out why on Saturday, June 15, when **Doors Open Buffalo** makes its debut. Discover the interiors of more than 30 unique and historic buildings, including the Goldome Bank, Electric Tower, Ellicott Square Building and more from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This free event by Explore Buffalo provides access to buildings and spaces that are not typically open to the public. Plan your route online or pick up a map the day of the event. All the participating buildings are within one mile of the Buffalo Visitor Center, so you can see all of them by foot! For more information, visit doorsopenbuffalo.org



DREW BROWN

ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST REMARKABLE MUSEUMS DOESN'T HAVE A ROOF.

American architecture and **BUFFALO** grew up together. That's why the city is home to an unrivaled variety of remarkable buildings and public spaces. The intricate ornament of **Louis Sullivan's** Guaranty Building, the elegant Art Deco energy of **John J. Wade's** Buffalo City Hall, the grand residential commission that vaulted **Frank Lloyd Wright** to international fame, **Eero and Eiel Saarinen's** stunning concert hall — they all stand together within **Frederick Law Olmsted's** astonishing system of parks and parkways.

It's a city that treasures its past even as it looks toward a bright future, and for people who love American architecture, it's a museum without a roof or walls. It's a place that will surprise you and one you won't soon forget.

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Art

JANNE SIREN, PhD

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ART IN THE BUF

New sculptures, site-specific installations and murals by local and visiting artists are part of a diverse, edgy and rapidly-growing public art scene in and around Buffalo. From the Outer Harbor to North Buffalo, the city is exploding with visual artistry.



TOP: *FLAT MAN*, Larry Griffis, Jr., 1963 / Buffalo Outer Harbor / PHOTO BY ED HEALY

LOWER LEFT: *LOOKIN' GOOD*, © Casey William Milbrand, 2018 / 1472 Hertel Ave. / PHOTO BY CASEY MILBRAND

LOWER RIGHT: *WORK AND PLAY*, Otecki (Wojciech Kořacz), 2018 / 617 Fillmore Ave. / PHOTO BY TOM LOONAN



IMPRESSIONIST TREASURES

BY ED HEALY

Humble and Human: Treasures from the Albright-Knox Art Gallery and the Detroit Institute of Arts, a selection of more than 40 Impressionist and post-Impressionist treasures, will be on exhibit at the Albright-Knox through May 26, 2019. Featuring works by Vincent van Gogh, Paul Cezanne, Claude Monet, Alfred Sisley, Edouard Manet and other 19th century avant-gardists, this collaboration between two great cultural institutions is intended to celebrate the life of Ralph C. Wilson, Jr., a native son of Detroit and the founder and longtime owner of the Buffalo Bills. Wilson was an avid art collector with an affinity for the work of the Impressionists. Expect enthusiastic crowds.



LEFT: Vincent van Gogh, *Portrait of Postman Roulin*, 1888

TOP: Georges Seurat, *Étude pour "Le Chahut,"* 1889

MIDDLE: Pierre-Auguste Renoir, *Woman in an Armchair*, 1874

BOTTOM: Paul Gauguin, *Le Christ jaune*, 1889

All works oil on canvas.

Van Gogh and Renoir images courtesy of Detroit Institute of Arts. Gauguin and Seurat images courtesy of Albright-Knox Art Gallery.

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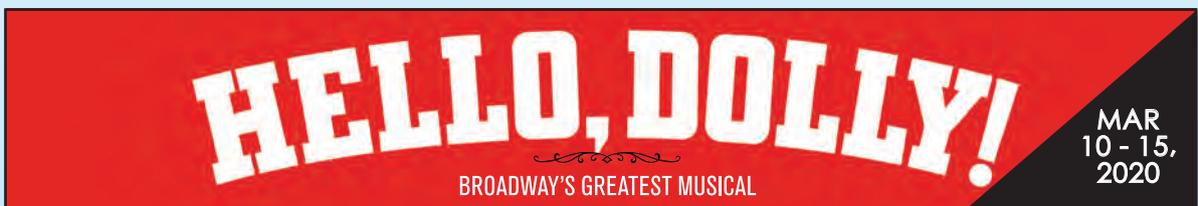
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PERFECT *Pairings*

Dinner and a show.

It's a classic, time-honored pairing for good reason — the promise of a night out and the pleasures that come with a delicious meal and live entertainment. Buffalo's vibrant performing arts community — the city and nearby suburbs are home to 22 professional theater companies and countless music venues — and its eclectic culinary scene lend themselves perfectly to this pairing. Here are seven combinations of dining and entertainment that should be just the ticket for a memorable night on the town.

BY KAREN FASHANA
& ED HEALY

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SHEA'S BUFFALO & SEABAR

SHEA'S BUFFALO » The crown jewel of Buffalo's theatre scene! Take in the nearly century-old opulence of this Tiffany-designed theatre for a touring Broadway show. sheas.org

SEABAR » Chef Mike A. has brings the freshest seafood and most inventive dishes to diners. Order his signature Loco Moco — the culinary concoction he cooked up to take down the Food Network's Bobby Flay. seabarsushi.com

BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA & LEFT BANK

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SHEA'S 710 & FRANKIE PRIMO'S +39

SHEA'S 710 › Every seat in the house is "the best seat in the house" inside this intimate performance venue that features a diverse program of plays and performances. sheas.org/710

FRANKIE PRIMO'S +39 › If you didn't grow up with an Italian grandmother who was gifted in the kitchen, Frankie Primos can give you a taste of what you missed. Sit down for a plate of pappardelle or grab a panini and a Sicilian Manhattan at the bar. frankieprimos39.com

TORN SPACE & ECKL'S AT LARKIN

TORN SPACE › Step outside of your theater comfort zone by taking in an innovative, avant-garde performance at Torn Space in the Broadway-Fillmore neighborhood. tornspacetheater.com

ECKL'S AT LARKIN › With roots dating back to 1934 at their original location just south of the city, this newly opened spot in Larkin Square serves up the same legendary beef-on-weck in a modern steakhouse atmosphere. eckls.com

UJIMA & TRATTORIA AROMA

UJIMA › The roots of Buffalo's African-American history run deep. See this proud heritage blossom on stage during a multi-cultural performance at the Ujima Company in their new home on the city's West Side. ujimacoinc.org

TRATTORIA AROMA › Specializing in Italian cuisine, its carb-centric menu is sure to satisfy your pre-show hunger one bowl of fettuccini bolognese at a time. aromabryant.com

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EXPO MARKET › Located in the heart of the Theatre District, and right next door to the AMC, your commute from flick to food is next to nothing. Expo features 5 vendors serving up anything from sushi and salads to souvlaki. expobuffalo.com



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Cocktail Culture

ANGELICA TEA ROOM

Buffalo has seriously upped its libation game. Great news for those of you looking for

innovative drink options in hip, new spaces. Each has a unique vibe and offers classic and seasonal drinks from cocktails to cabernets. Here are 10 places that flex their mixology muscle.

— Karen Fashana

ANGELICA TEA ROOM Refined drinks and light fare are always in style at this swanky European-inspired cocktail bar. Nosh on the simple-yet-delicious roasted pistachios while you sip a 'Lethal Weapon'. 517 Washington St., Buffalo / angelicatearoom.com

BUFFALO PROPER Stunningly executed cocktails in a warm, glowing atmosphere. Buffalo Proper is a must-visit if you're looking for a stiff drink to wind down or to get the party started. 333 Franklin St., Buffalo / buffaloproper.com

DAPPER GOOSE Enjoy a handcrafted cocktail and a small plate in the French cottage feel of the Dapper Goose dining room or on its back patio on a perfect summer evening. 491 Amherst St., Buffalo / thedappergoose.com

MARBLE + RYE Creatively-named concoctions like the "Teenage Wedding" or "Shake Senora" and killer burgers make Marble + Rye one of the city's most popular bistros. 112 Genesee St., Buffalo / marbleandrye.net

BALLYHOO Looks can be deceiving. Don't let that stop you from trying one of Ballyhoo's refined cocktails and scrumptious housemade sausages. And the ice cream sandwich. Don't forget to try the ice cream sandwich! 211 South Park Ave., Buffalo / buffaloballyhoo.com

LLOYD TACO FACTORY Lloyd has been slinging funky cocktails and amazing tacos since 2015. Try its famous Snozzberry Mule alongside a Dirty South taco. 1503 Hertel Ave., Buffalo / wheresloyd.com

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THE LITTLE CLUB This neighborhood gem prides itself on introducing patrons to wines from under-represented regions and serving it to them in an atmosphere that is approachable, hip and inviting. 1197 Hertel Ave., Buffalo / thelittleclub.bar

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THE GRANGE COMMUNITY KITCHEN One step inside the Grange and you instantly feel at home. The bright, open and airy interior is the perfect setting for an evening cocktail and friendly conversation. 22 Main St., Hamburg / grangecommunitykitchen.com

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“I still get chills sometimes when I jam with my big band up here on Monday nights. The club hosted giants like Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis and John Coltrane, and I get to perform right where those guys once stood. I can still feel their spirits up there some nights. That connection to Buffalo’s past is preserved in the club’s museum so that generations to come will understand and enjoy it.”

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WHERE THE PAST IS ALWAYS PRESENT

Step inside Buffalo's history at these seven small museums

BY ED HEALY

Buffalo once stood at the crossroads of the continent – the gateway to the West for millions of immigrants for much of the 19th century. The region's unique geography at the confluence of Lake Erie and the Niagara River generated wealth and helped spawn innovations in transportation, technology and architecture. Our border location also made Buffalo and Niagara Falls a last stop on the Underground Railroad. Today, the region's rich history has been preserved and interpreted at a number of small museums that offer visitors a tantalizing glimpse into the history that happened here.

NIAGARA FALLS UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HERITAGE CENTER

Through multimedia displays, a re-creation of the Cataract House Hotel dining room, historic artifacts, beautiful illustrations and a short film, the new Underground Railroad Heritage Center in Niagara Falls tells the true stories of the heroic Americans who fought for freedom from slavery on the bluffs overlooking the Niagara Gorge. Though small, the Heritage Center contains more emotional impact in its modest footprint than most history museums and sites many times its size.

*825 Depot Ave. W., Niagara Falls, NY
niagarafallsundergroundrailroad.org*

STEEL PLANT MUSEUM

Buffalo's Steel Plant Museum makes sure that the artifacts and totems of Buffalo's industrial heritage have been collected and curated for the enjoyment of future generations. But what makes the Steel Plant Museum a

special experience for visitors is the “you are there” perspective of the museum's docents. These former steel workers bring to vivid life the ingenuity, complexity and epic magnitude of a once great industry. It's a memorable experience.

*100 Lee St., Buffalo
steelplantmuseumwny.org*

COLORED MUSICIANS CLUB MUSEUM

One of the few remaining clubs of its kind in the country, the Colored Musicians Club and Museum is a place where American musical history is kept alive thanks to exhibits, concerts and jam sessions. The first-floor museum documents Buffalo's home-grown jazz scene as well as the jazz giants who performed here during the music's mid-20th century peak. Upstairs, witness the living legacy of these musicians in the form of weekly rehearsals and jam sessions.

145 Broadway, Buffalo » cmctheclub.com

GUARANTY BUILDING INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Louis Sullivan's Guaranty Building is Exhibit A in the story of the modern skyscraper – a 13-story marvel clad in a gorgeous terra cotta set the course for every towering edifice that followed. Thanks to the vision of the building's owners, a first-floor interpretive center welcomes visitors with museum quality exhibits, models and artifacts about the careers of Sullivan and his partner Dankmar Adler and the revolutionary design they created in Buffalo.

28 Church St., Buffalo

BUFFALO HARBOR MUSEUM

There was a time when Buffalo was the largest inland port in the world. In its 19th century heyday, the city's waterfront saw the comings and goings of scores of lake freighters, packet boats and ferries every day. The Buffalo Harbor Museum (formerly the Lower Lakes Marine Historical Society) has preserved this maritime history in a series of glass enclosed exhibits, installations and models that help to bring this pivotal piece of Buffalo history to life.

66 Erie St., Buffalo » buffaloharbor.org

NASH HOUSE MUSEUM

A leading advocate for civil rights in Buffalo, the Rev. J. Edward Nash, Sr. left behind an enormous archive of papers, letters and books after his death in 1957. His personal quarters and office were – remarkably – left untouched for decades. In effect, the house at 36 Nash Street in downtown Buffalo was a museum before being formally incorporated as such. Today, the house and its contents have been preserved and opened to visitors.

36 Nash St., Buffalo » nashhousemuseum.org

BUFFALO TRANSPORTATION PIERCE ARROW MUSEUM

Buffalo was a hot bed of innovation during the early years of the automobile age. That rich history is on display at the not so small Buffalo Transportation/Pierce Arrow Museum in downtown Buffalo. An astonishing array of automobiles, motorcycles, bicycles and related advertising and marketing materials make a stop at the Pierce Arrow Museum a rewarding experience that's not just for car buffs.

263 Michigan Ave., Buffalo
pierce-arrow.com

Buffalo can boast of a connection to the United States presidency in a way few cities can. The city sent two native sons to the White House, looked on in horror at an assassination and witnessed the extraordinary swearing in of the man who would become one of the greatest presidents. Here's a brief tour of Presidential Buffalo.

Start modestly in North Buffalo on Fordham Drive. Near the corner of Lincoln Parkway, appropriately enough, you'll find a non-descript stone memorial in the median of the street that marks the spot where **President William McKinley** was assassinated in September 1901, while visiting the Pan-American Exposition. It's surprisingly humble, but the area is well cared for by the street's homeowners.

A few blocks away on Forest Avenue, the Resource Center of the **Buffalo History Museum** displays the .32 caliber revolver that anarchist Leon Czolgosz used to shoot McKinley as part of its "Spirit of the City" exhibit about the Pan-American Exposition.

You'll also find a **statue of Abraham Lincoln** on the rear portico of the Buffalo History Museum on Nottingham Terrace and another of Honest Abe at the entrance to the Delaware Park Rose Garden on Lincoln Parkway.

At nearby **Forest Lawn Cemetery**, you can visit the grave of Millard Fillmore, a native son of Buffalo and the 13th President of the United States.

You can also see portraits of each of the presidents and first ladies at the

Karpeles Manuscript Museum at Elmwood and North Streets in the city's Allentown neighborhood.

In the heart of downtown Buffalo, you'll find an appropriately grand tribute to President McKinley in Niagara Square. This **96-foot tall obelisk** was dedicated in 1907 to the memory of the slain president and the square surrounding it has served as Buffalo's principal public gathering place ever since.

On either side of **Buffalo City Hall**, there are two bronze statues in the likenesses of Millard Fillmore and Grover Cleveland, the one-time mayor of Buffalo and the only man to serve two non-consecutive terms as president.

The main event in Buffalo's connection to the presidency is the former Wilcox Mansion where Teddy Roosevelt took the oath of office on Sept. 14, 1901 – one of the few times in American history the oath was administered outside the capital. The **Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site** honors that day with a series of interpretive exhibits and interactive experiences. Stand where Teddy stood while he swore to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution.

Finally, the **home of Millard Fillmore** is a National Historic Landmark in nearby East Aurora, a short 20-minute drive from downtown Buffalo. Fillmore built the house for his family in 1826 and it served as their residence before they moved to Buffalo in 1830. It is open to the public from June through September.

visitbuffaloniagara.com/presidential

– Ed Healy



THEODORE ROOSEVELT INAUGURAL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Sails Set for Buffalo

BY DREW BROWN

Whether you know the difference between a brig and a barquentine or just want to experience the sight of a fleet of historic ships sailing up the Buffalo River, you won't want to miss **Port of Call: Buffalo** and the **Parade of Sail** during the weekend of July 4-7, 2019 at Canalside. A fleet of a dozen historic vessels like the *Pride of Baltimore II*, *Empire Sandy* and *NAO Santa Maria* will call to mind Buffalo's maritime past when the city was one of the largest inland ports in the world.

portofcallbuffalo.org

ANCHORS AWAIT

Since its inception in 1979, Buffalo's Naval and Military Park has been an anchor of the city's waterfront revival. The creation of the Naval Park signaled the beginning of the rebirth of the very spot where Buffalo rose to prominence as one of the great ports of the 19th century, the district now known as Canalside. The World War II-era ships assembled at the Naval Park – a guided missile cruiser, destroyer and submarine – as well as a museum's worth of military artifacts, equipment and exhibits continue to be a magnet for tens of thousands of history buffs every year. buffalonaivalpark.org

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“When you cook for a living, people often ask if you plan on moving to other cities to continue your career. I’ll always make Buffalo my home because of our loyal patrons, our stellar farmers, and the camaraderie that comes from being a part of such a close-knit community. I love being a part of Buffalo’s burgeoning food scene.”

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THE Scoop ON BUFFALO



*Grab a spoon
and dig into
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Ice Cream City*

BUFFALO'S ICE CREAM SHOPS

are a lot like the city itself: historically underrated and off-the-radar. Buffalo wings and beef on weck traditionally get all the attention from food-loving visitors, while old school ice cream parlors and roadside stands often go unnoticed.

But just as Buffalo is experiencing a renaissance, so is its frozen dessert culture.

Classic ice cream parlors that have spent years making creamy concoctions with milk from local dairy farms and perfecting homemade toppings have joined innovative newcomers who have broadened the city's palate by introducing new ingredients and exotic flavors.

Go ahead, order a traditional Buffalo meal of pizza and wings, but be sure to save room for dessert.

NICK CHARLAP'S

After a 42-year career that has had more twists and turns than a soft serve cone, Nick Charlap is still making ice cream and has branched out to several locations across the Buffalo region, including one where his grandfather's dairy plant started years ago. Nick Charlap's still uses the same Crepaco freezer – one of only two of its kind left in the country – to make its ice cream just as it did then, and its original three flavors (chocolate, vanilla and strawberry) have expanded to nearly four dozen varieties. Milkshake enthusiasts also sing the praises of Charlap's irresistibly thick, sweet and creamy vanilla shake.

Charlap's Angola, Kenmore and Hamburg locations are seasonal outdoor stands, while the original Boston location runs from March through December and features a 1950s-themed parlor with black and white tiled floors, stainless steel walls and Johnny Cash on the radio. This much-loved Southtowns institution is a tribute to the vision of Nick Charlap, who turned his family's dairy farm into one of Western New York's most recognizable ice cream brands.

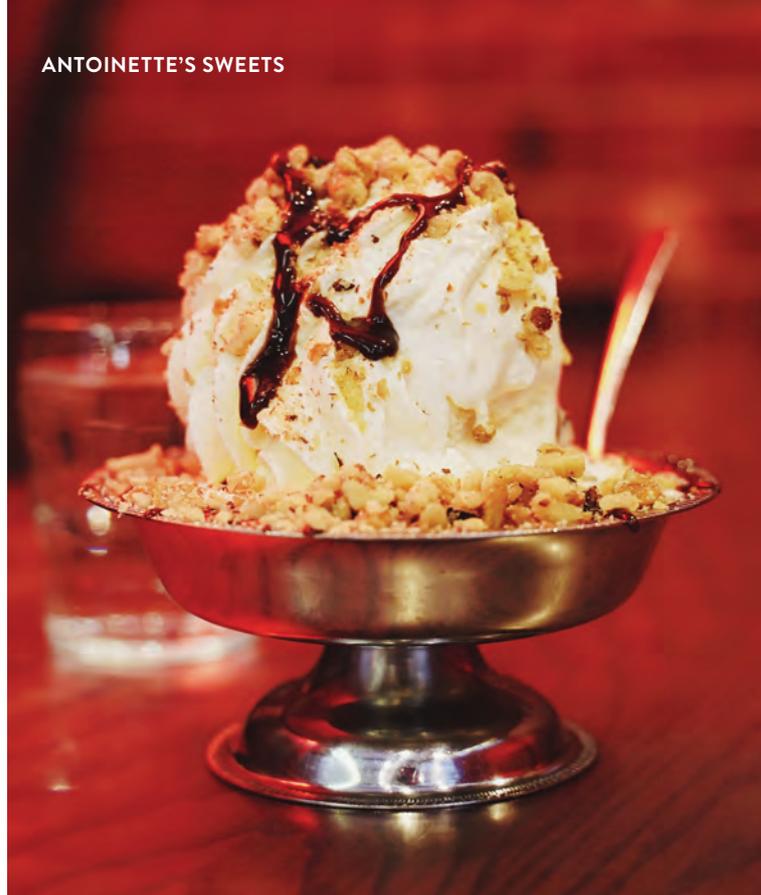
7264 Boston State Rd., Hamburg
[facebook.com/NickCharlaps](https://www.facebook.com/NickCharlaps)

ANTOINETTE'S SWEETS

Antoinette's has spent more than a century perfecting every detail of the ice cream experience. Four generations of the Morphis family have owned and operated this confectionery landmark since 1915, and each has instilled in the next the importance of maintaining quality – of never compromising top-notch ingredients, producing ice cream in small batches and nearly every topping in-house.

The scene stealer here may be the sundae toppings. The whipped cream – squeezed on by staff from a pastry bag – is fluffy, pillowy and puts a can of Reddi-Wip to shame. Custom made sundaes with add-ons like homemade hot fudge, peanut butter sauce and marshmallow topping produce a symphony of flavors that are out of this world. With nearly 20 different topping options and a dozen ice cream flavors to choose from – Antoinette's access to ingredients in its candy store make its ice cream and sundae toppings particularly adventurous – this is a dessert experience to be savored.

5981 Transit Rd., Depew • antoinettesbuffalo.com



DREW BROWN

KING CONDRELL'S

The aroma of freshly roasted pecans and cashews greets customers entering King Condrell's Candy & Ice Cream. Owner Rick King spares no detail in creating the ultimate ice cream sundaes – right down to roasting nuts in-house.

At Condrell's, size matters: the "Ultimate Brain Freeze," ten scoops of ice cream with strawberry and pineapple topping, bananas, whipped cream and nuts, is a treat only eight people have finished in its 16 years on the menu. (There's a free T-shirt and bragging rights for anyone who does.) The shareable "Kitchen Sink" is 16 scoops of ice

*At Condrell's,
size matters.*

cream served inside a portable sink that King constructed himself. For a more modest treat, try "The Turtle," a menu

staple since Condrell's first opened a half-century ago, with vanilla, hot fudge, housemade caramel sauce, whipped cream and roasted pecans.

Located in the charming village of Kenmore, King Condrell's has the nostalgic charm you'd expect from a vintage ice cream parlor, but it's the commitment to service and quality ingredients that will really take customers back to another era.

2805 Delaware Ave., Kenmore • condrells.com



CHURN SOFT SERVE & COFFEE

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Buffalo’s soft serve game hadn’t changed much for decades until a newcomer arrived in 2017 and churned up the scene.

There’s something about Churn’s custard concoctions that stands apart. Maybe it’s the milk sourced from grass-fed cows just a few hours down the road. Or the toppings, from cinnamon coated churros, whose aroma fills the store, to bits of Aztec brownie and cookies that adorn highly Instagrammable sundaes. This new kid on the block is doing things differently and producing custard that might be Buffalo’s smoothest and creamiest.

“Buffalo just may be America’s #1 ice cream city.”
Roadfood.com

With acclaimed pastry chef Jennifer Boye helping day-to-day operations, Churn is concocting some of Buffalo’s most innovative frozen treats, including the “de La Lloyd” cone (coffee soft serve made with local Public Espresso Coffee covered in homemade Aztec Brownie bites, Oreo crumbs and spice dust). The inspired pairing of Lloyd Taco Factory and Churn, of tacos and ice cream in adjoining storefronts, has quickly caught on in this corner of North Buffalo, a testament to the owners’ motto that *“If you make what you love, it always goes well.”*

1501 Hertel Ave., Buffalo • churnsoftserve.com

LAKE EFFECT ICE CREAM

Browsing the handwritten menu on the wall of Lake Effect Ice Cream is akin to taking a food tour of Western New York.

There’s the Revolution Coffee, blended with a fine, Turkish ground roasted at Buffalo’s Public Espresso. The Paula’s Glazed Donut features chunks of real fry cake baked at the region’s most popular donut shop. Other local options include sponge candy from Platter’s Chocolates and Crystal Beach Loganberry. And the same cinnamon and sugar crumbles that Chrusciki Bakery sprinkles onto its pastries cover the “El Guapo” sundae.

Lake Effect has evolved from a seasonal hobby into one of the region’s most recognizable brands. Owners Jason Wulf and Erik Bernardi are next door neighbors and teachers at Lockport High School who began making ice cream during their summers off. They’ve grown from selling their first pint at a craft show more than a decade ago to operating two locations – one in North Buffalo and the other in Lockport – and distributing their product to local grocery stores.

Lake Effect’s hard serve has a higher than average butterfat content – 14 percent – and is less airy than most ice cream, resulting in a richer, creamier product. Indecisive customers don’t have to settle on one flavor: they can order a “Flight of Five” small scoops – a nod to the five Erie Canal locks near the store’s original Lockport location – or a Flight of Nine. Then again, just a single scoop at Lake Effect is a sublime ice cream experience.

1900 Hertel Ave., Buffalo & 79 Canal St., Lockport
lakeeffecticecream.com

BRING THE *Kids!*

BY KAREN FASHANA

Explore & More - the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Children's Museum is Buffalo's newest waterfront attraction and latest addition to the city's line-up of kid-friendly experiences. Not only does Explore & More promote the endless benefits of play — (translation: this place is SO. MUCH. FUN.) — but it also celebrates everything that is uniquely Buffalo from our sports teams to our famous waterfall to our historic architecture. Overlooking **Canalside** and its replica canals, this four-story museum is at the epicenter of all the kid-approved waterfront activities like water bikes, paddleboats, kayaking and pirate cruises. Bring the kids to Buffalo? Sounds like a plan. exploreandmore.org



There's bison at the Buffalo Zoo, so yeah, I feel right at home here. And while I love visiting my pals, I always get a huge kick out of feeding the giraffes. Man, they can't get enough lettuce. But my favorites have got to be the polar bears. Luna and Sakari always put on an amazing show in their cool pool. #AnimalLover



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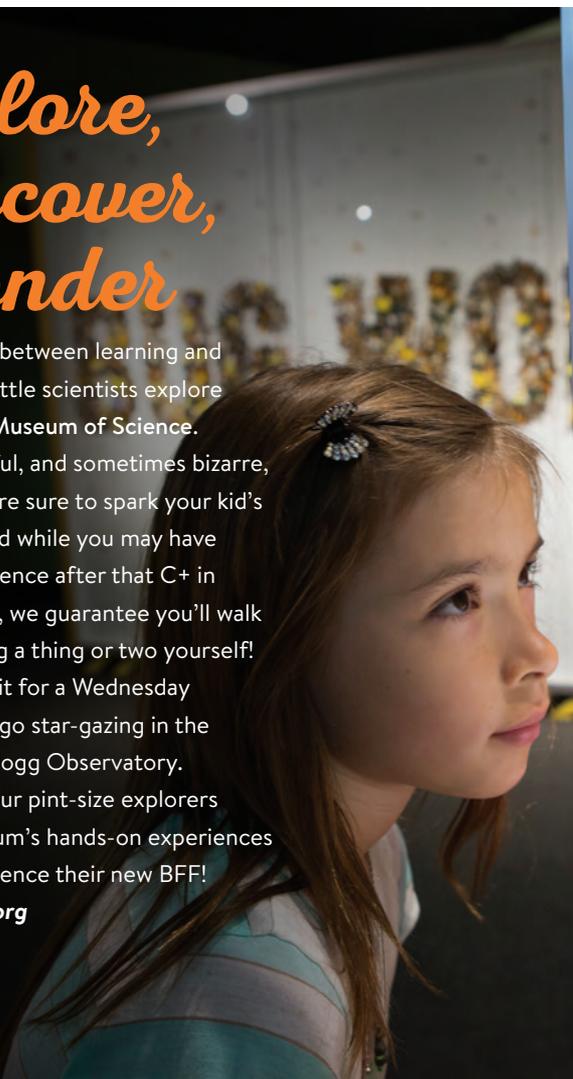


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Down on the CORNER

NEIGHBORHOOD BARS OFFER A UNIQUE SLICE OF BUFFALO

BY BRIAN HAYDEN

They're anchored all over Buffalo – alongside railroad tracks, in the shadow of church steeples, and next to factories and warehouses. The city's corner taverns and ethnic social clubs have long been the straw that stirs Buffalo's drink – the glue of its neighborhoods and a meeting place outside of work that forge the ties that bind generations of Buffalonians together over a cold beer and a good conversation.

While new craft cocktail bars and breweries have opened and feature exposed brick walls and Edison light bulbs, these watering holes with \$3 cans of Genny Cream Ale and Utica Club have taken on a whole new meaning. Juke boxes, original wooden bars, vintage barstools and decades-old beverage coolers keep the beer extra cold and evoke a kind of cool that cannot be replicated. Here are four historic bars to wet your whistle and acquaint you with the very fabric of Buffalo.

ULRICH'S 1868 TAVERN

If only the walls of Ulrich's 1868 Tavern – Buffalo's oldest watering hole – could talk. They might share how the U.S. Secret Service stopped by when President Grover Cleveland was in town and ordered potato pancakes for the commander in chief and ex-Buffalo mayor. Or that bar staff used a pulley system behind the beverage coolers to lower beer into the basement when police came to inspect during Prohibition.

These are the stories still swapped to this day at this historically German tavern on the northern edge of downtown. Wooden floors and vintage 1875 ceiling lamps greet customers walking in. Relics from throughout Ulrich's history surround the mahogany bar, from the stained glass windows behind the counter advertising Buffalo's Iroquois Brewing Co. to a spittoon for chewing customers. Bratwurst, Wiener schnitzel and German potato salad are still on the menu, and jars of pickled eggs and sausages line the shelf.

DREW BROWN

Much has changed since Ulrich's first opened as a grocery-saloon in 1868; the German immigrant community and Trico windshield wiper plant that once neighbored the tavern have been replaced by an innovation lab for startups and the gleaming Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. But what hasn't changed is the spirit Anthony Bourdain once described during a winter visit: "Cold and harsh outside, warm and hospitable inside."

674 Ellicott St., Buffalo
ulrichstavern.com

ROHALL'S CORNER

Stepping into Rohall's Corner is like spending an evening in your "grandfather's old rec room," according to owner Greg Rohall. There are ketchup-and-mustard colored walls, brown and red floor tiling, recessed lighting, glass block windows and a back wooden bar stocked with hard liquor.

Rohall had searched for the perfect spot to own a corner tavern after a lengthy bartending career. He found it in Black Rock at a corner tavern that opened in 1946, closed in 1984, and sat vacant for more than two decades with its postwar character intact before reopening in 2011 as Rohall's Corner.

Those 27 years of dormancy preserved the look and feel of the tavern that otherwise would have been remodeled. The original wooden coolers still keep the beer cold, including rare and vintage finds like Utica Club – one of the popular blue-collar beers of Buffalo's industrial heyday – and Stiegl from Salzburg, Austria. Rohall's successfully straddles a fine line between an old-time "shot and a beer" joint serving Old Vienna and Pabst Blue Ribbon to a contemporary bar offering live piano music and an extensive wine list. Its humble exterior along Amherst Street conceals one of the city's top hidden gems.

540 Amherst St., Buffalo

THE PLACE

Those in the know in Buffalo's Elmwood Village stray from its busy streets to enjoy one of its most storied watering holes.

The quiet corner of Lexington and Ashland Avenues has been a gathering spot since the 1870s, when horse drawn carriages leaving Buffalo stopped by the wood-frame building for a meal. In 1941, new owner Bernie Flynn turned the place into The Place and introduced menu items that remain to this day like the "Flynnie's Thinnie" sandwich

(ham, swiss cheese and onion on toasted rye.) One of its most popular drinks is seasonal: The Tom and Jerry (rum, brandy, meringue and hot water topped with a dash of nutmeg) is such an institution at the holidays that patrons can even bring home the mug it's served in.

The Place features dark mahogany walls with forest green plaid wallpaper, a copper top bar, hardwood floors, plush green booths and brass light fixtures. It's one of Buffalo's only restaurants with a covered front porch – a nod to the front porches adorning the neighborhood's Victorian homes. While the menu and décor has evolved over 140 years, The Place's ability to connect Buffalonians of all stripes over a pint, good conversation and a warm meal has remained the same.

229 Lexington Ave., Buffalo
theplacebuffalo.com

ADAM MICKIEWICZ LIBRARY AND DRAMATIC CIRCLE

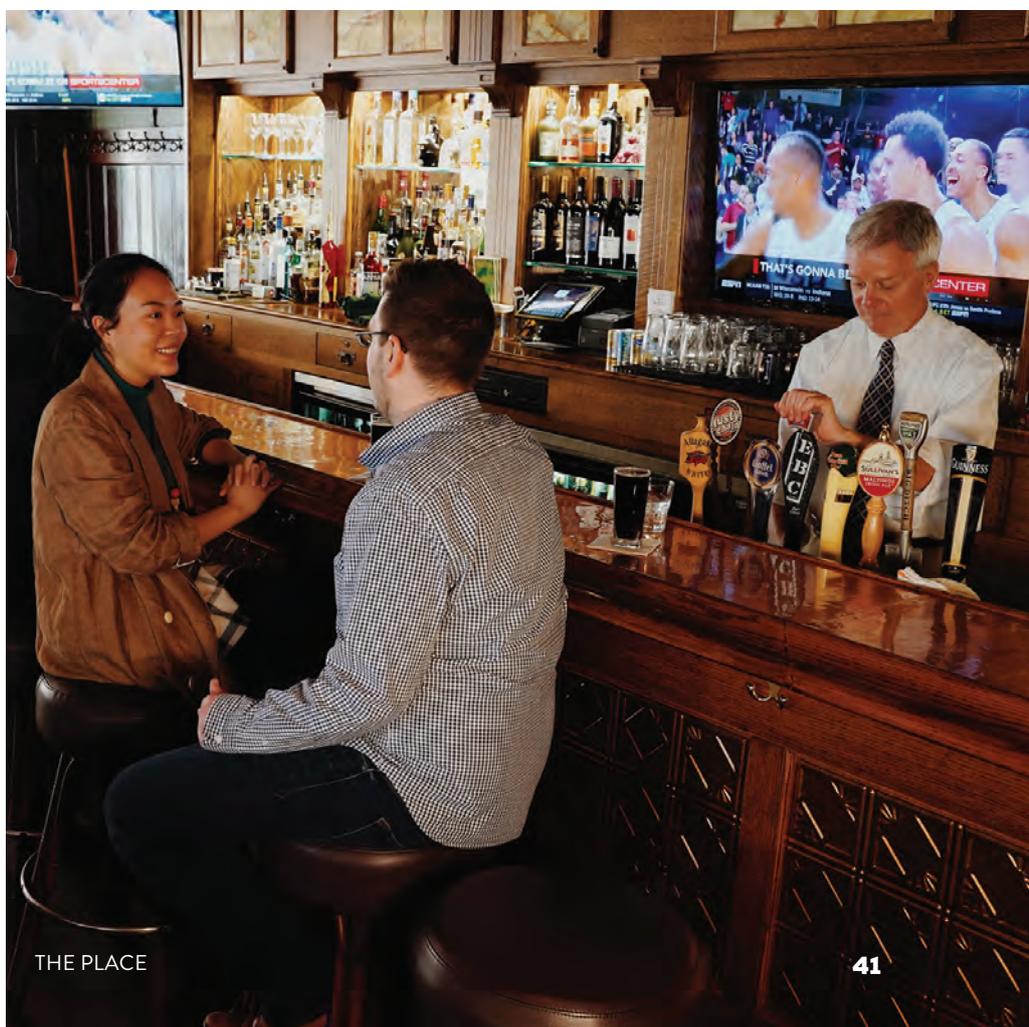
A quick glance through the 30 different beers and 70 liquors available at the Adam Mickiewicz Library and Dramatic Circle reveals this is no ordinary bar. Zywiec and Okocim beers are on tap, cans of Tyskie are in the fridge and bottles of Krupnik and more than a dozen Polish vodkas

line the shelves. For the cost of a cover charge at a bar in a larger city – just \$10 – visitors can become a member of this private club that has been a staple of Buffalo's East Side for more than 120 years.

It's well worth it; the Adam Mickiewicz is one of the most unique drinking and cultural experiences in Western New York – and beyond. Arrivals from Poland in the 1890s built the club – which also features a library with centuries-old Polish books and an auditorium that's Buffalo's longest operating theater – as a way to keep the connection to their heritage strong.

The bar is tucked away inside the club – enter the front door and walk through a foyer and an old parlor room with a pool table and a 1950s jukebox to get there. Maps of Poland line the walls of the bar, which is open every Friday and Saturday night, and it's not unheard of to still hear members sitting at the barstools speaking Polish.

612 Fillmore Ave., Buffalo
facebook.com/AdamMickiewiczLibraryandDramaticCircle



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New and expanded breweries and cideries make 2019 a year to toast

BY DREW BROWN

Over the past year, new brews have flowed at full tilt in Buffalo. Kegs have been tapped at places like **Froth Brewing Co.** in Riverside, **Belt Line Brewery & Kitchen** in Larkinville, **Labatt Brew House** in the Cobblestone District, **Prosper Brewing** in Tonawanda, and a little further outside of town at **Big Inlet Brewing** and **Eli Fish Brewing Company**. The brewing veterans at **Community Beer Works** stepped up their game with a swanky, new tasting room a few months ago.

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Not only has the roster of craft breweries expanded to nearly 40 producers across the region, but a few of Buffalo's most talented keepers of the craft are moving ahead with expansions in 2019. **Thin Man Brewery** will open its second location on Chandler Street in Black Rock (next to the recently opened **BlackBird Cider Works**) and **Resurgence Brewery** will expand at a site near the Buffalo River in the Old First Ward. Other notable brewing news includes the much-anticipated opening of

Hofbrauhaus Buffalo later this year. In addition, upwards of seven additional breweries and cideries are scheduled to open their taps in 2019.

The Buffalo region has the perfect climate for growing hops and some of the coolest beer halls and beer gardens you'll find anywhere. Where else can you sip a cold one in the shadow of a towering grain silo as screaming zipliners race overhead? Nowhere but Buffalo. Cheers!

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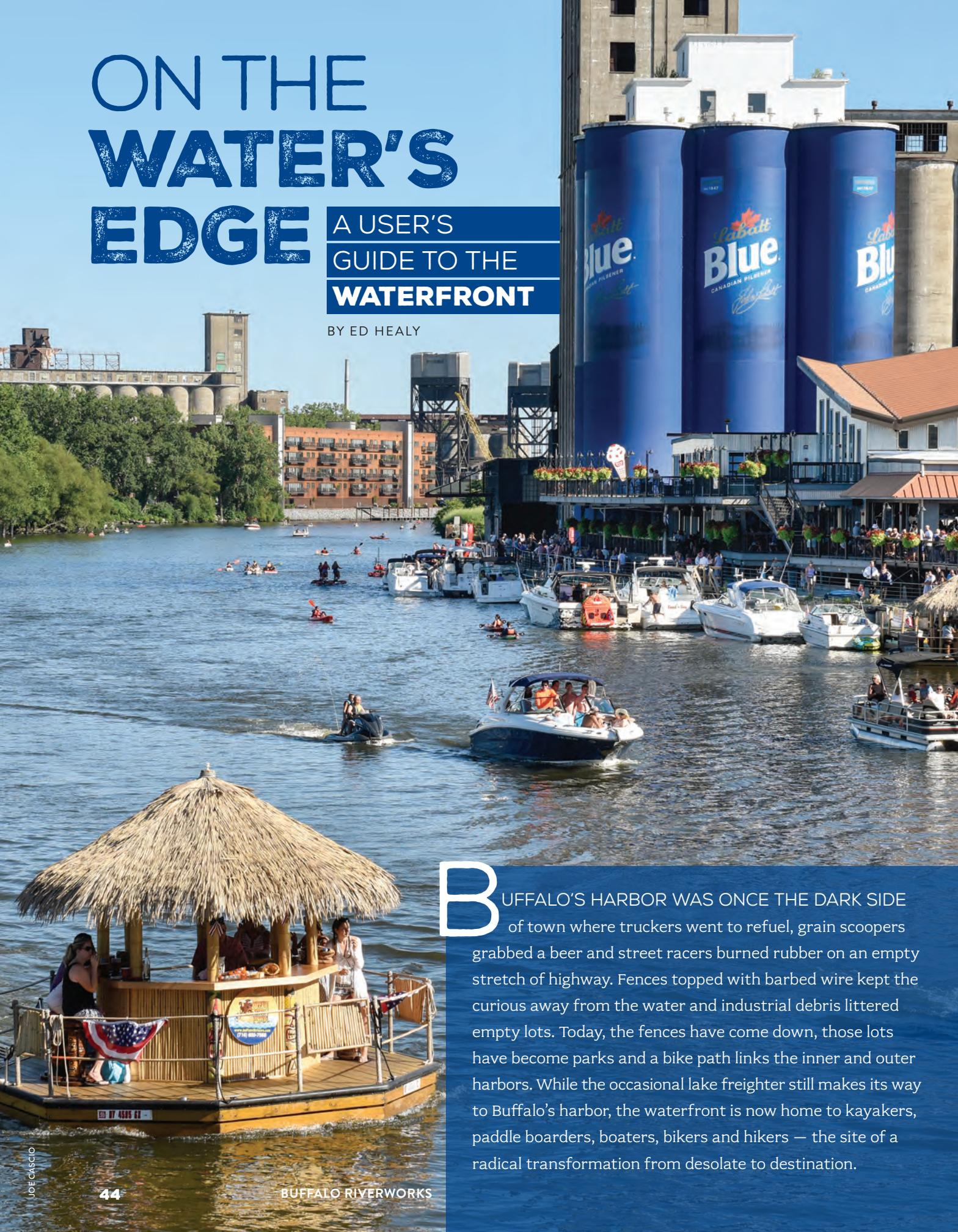
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ON THE WATER'S EDGE

A USER'S
GUIDE TO THE
WATERFRONT

BY ED HEALY



BUFFALO'S HARBOR WAS ONCE THE DARK SIDE of town where truckers went to refuel, grain scoopers grabbed a beer and street racers burned rubber on an empty stretch of highway. Fences topped with barbed wire kept the curious away from the water and industrial debris littered empty lots. Today, the fences have come down, those lots have become parks and a bike path links the inner and outer harbors. While the occasional lake freighter still makes its way to Buffalo's harbor, the waterfront is now home to kayakers, paddle boarders, boaters, bikers and hikers — the site of a radical transformation from desolate to destination.



CANALSIDE

Here are some of the top spots to enjoy along the city's shores.

CANALSIDE: You can rent a kayak, paddle board and water bike at Canalside or take a yoga class and get your Zen on in a Buffalo sunset chair.

TIMES BEACH NATURE PRESERVE: You'll find tranquility along the trails and boardwalks of this natural habitat within sight of downtown Buffalo.

SAFE HARBOR MARINA: Hire a charter boat captain and get a taste of some of the best bass fishing in North America. Buffalo is an angler's dream come true.

SIL0 CITY: Take an Explore Buffalo vertical tour of one of the towering grain elevators or rent a kayak from the Silo City Paddling Co. Finish your workout with a cold one at Duende.

TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE: Miles of hiking trails, viewing platforms and secluded overlooks make this Buffalo's nearest faraway place.

WILKESON POINTE: Rent a Reddy Bike and do the Outer Harbor bike path. Along the way stop and grab a shot of the Wilkeson Pointe wind sculptures. Your Instagram followers will thank you.

BUFFALO RIVERWORKS: Where can you zipline between grain elevators? Only in Buffalo, at RiverWorks, a former industrial site that has been reborn as a year-round urban playground.

BUFFALO HARBOR STATE PARK: The kids will love the park's state-of-the-art playground. Mom and Dad will enjoy a stroll on the nearby boardwalk.

MUTUAL RIVERFRONT PARK: Get out on the Buffalo River on an Elevator Alley Kayak tour. Then head over to Gene McCarthy's beer garden where Old Buffalo meets New.

NEW IN 2019: The massive Flat Man sculpture presides over a 20-acre waterfront parcel near the Bell Slip that will be home to mountain bike dirt paths, a paved pump track and skills loop.

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BY JANA EISENBERG

EAST AURORA, FOUNDED IN 1804, BOASTS A DELIGHTFUL BLEND OF HISTORICAL PRESERVATION, natural beauty and iconic character while also acknowledging that times, indeed, have changed. It's so iconic, in fact, that movie productions—both local and national—use it as a stand-in for “Small Town, USA.” It's a great spot for a quick weekend jaunt when in Buffalo.

On Friday, check in to the **ROYCROFT INN** (40 South Grove St.). The original Roycrofters helped put East Aurora on the map—late 19th century salesman, thinker and artist Elbert Hubbard founded the Roycroft Press, which morphed into an American Arts and Crafts community, known simply as the Roycrofters. Today, the inn's Arts and Crafts architecture and décor preserve the Roycroft aesthetic and the history.

For the evening, head to **42 NORTH BREWING COMPANY** (25 Pine St.); the barrelhouse, taproom and brewery is a destination for locally crafted brews, a farm-to-table menu, convivial atmosphere and a good taste of the EA nightlife.

In the morning, try breakfast at the **ELM STREET BAKERY** (72 Elm St.). The charming barn-like structure with a warm wood interior offers fresh baked pastries, hearty bread and breakfast options. (At lunch and dinner time, wood-fired pizzas and homemade dishes fill the belly and soul. It's all locally sourced and seasonal when possible.)

After breakfast, visit the **ROYCROFT CAMPUS** and the **COPPER SHOP GALLERY** across from the inn to see workshops and artifacts from the Roycrofters. In addition to books, they produced wood furniture, leather goods, metal and decorative items.



Head a few blocks down Main for lunch at **BAR-BILL TAVERN** (185 Main St.) — this low-key joint always makes local and national “best Buffalo wings” lists. They specialize in the regional dish, and have made them their own with both expected and unique sauce choices, including zesty honey pepper, Cajun and honey butter BBQ. There may be a wait — see the bartender to get a table or on a list. No reservations. Cash only.



DREW BROWN



ONION STUDIO

Amongst East Aurora's many boutiques and shops, there are a few standouts. Before heading back across town to the main commercial area, check out **FOUR HONEY BEES COTTAGE** (306 Main St.) — owner and local personality Anne Marie Biron will be happy to show you her justifiably vaunted selection of Mackenzie-Childs giftware.

WILL FALLER ANTIQUES (21 Elm St.) is a destination for well-curated art,

antiques and curios. In the same funky building (a former creamery) is **REDFISH STUDIOS**, a space highlighting artists working in a variety of media.

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(669 Main St.) is the place for ski and snowboard gear.

FOWLER'S CHOCOLATES, which claims to be the originator of Buffalo's famous sponge candy, has an outpost here.

VIDLER'S 5 & 10 is a

must-see. If the red awnings spanning almost an entire block don't tip you off to the location (676-694 Main St.), look for the "Vidler on the Roof."

A five-and-dime store on steroids, this nearly 90-year-old emporium features more than 75,000 items of kitsch (and some stuff you might really need) and is endlessly entertaining.

For die-hard Roycroft fans: take a short drive to the **SCHOOLHOUSE GALLERY** (1054 Olean Rd.), where juried modern-day Roycroft artisans

offer handcrafted wares like plaques, prints, paintings, tiles and wooden furniture for viewing and sale.

Dinner at **RICK'S ON MAIN** (687 Main St.)

is always a treat; the cozy nooks, friendly service and varied menu are welcoming to all. For an after-dinner drink, try the **GRIFFON GASTROPUB** (634 Main St.) or **WALLENWEIN'S HOTEL**, a local institution that's been serving cold beer and good food since

the late 1800s (641 Oakwood Ave).

Get some shuteye! In the a.m., try the sumptuous brunch at the Roycroft Inn, then check out.

On your way out of town, stop by **KNOX FARM STATE PARK** (437 Buffalo Rd.).

The rolling 633-acre property was donated by one of the area's most philanthropic families — their name graces many locations, most notably Buffalo's Albright-Knox Art Gallery. Take a hike or a walk, and explore the Visitor Center for a bit of history.

The original Roycrofters helped put East Aurora on the map.

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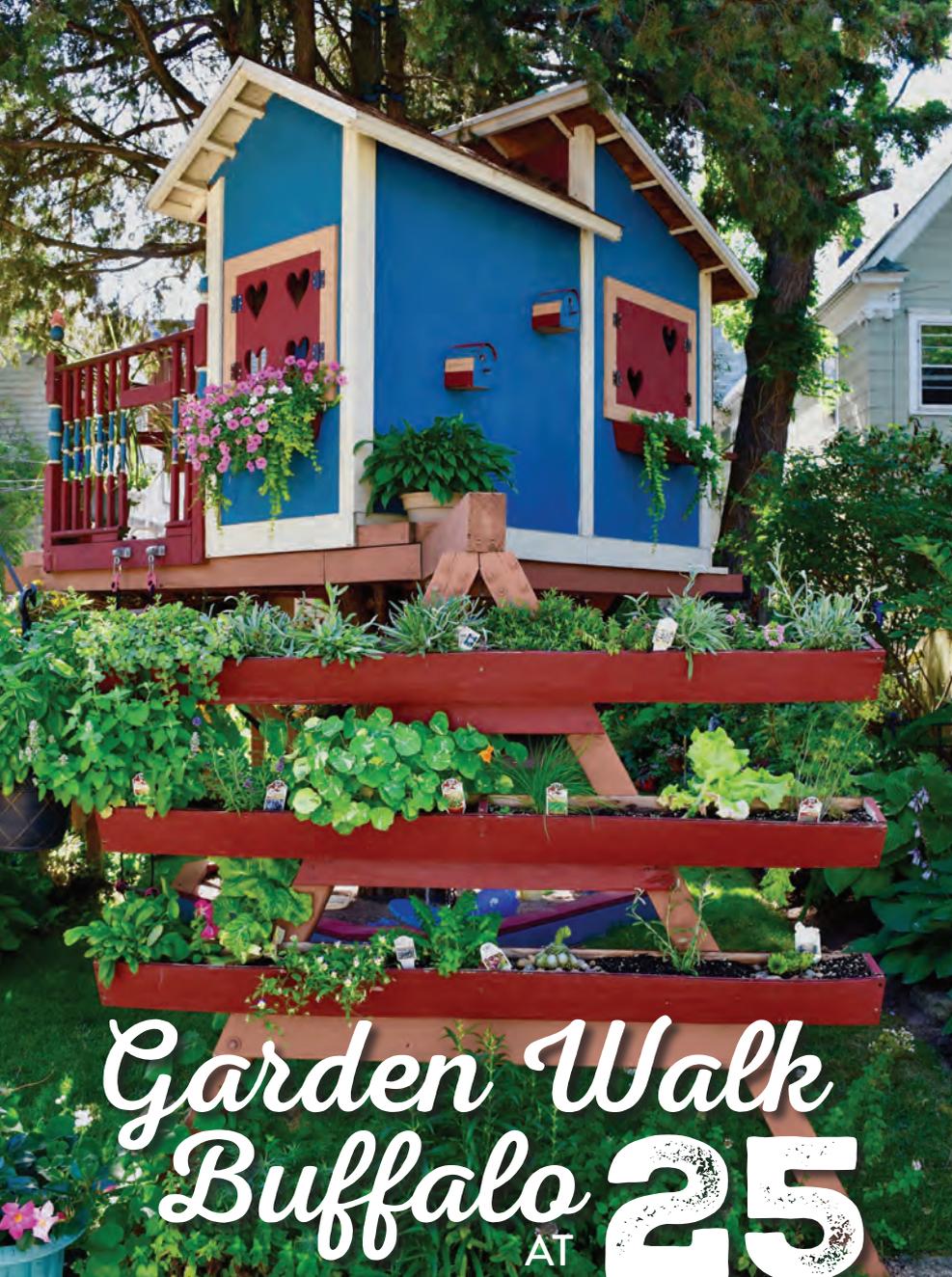
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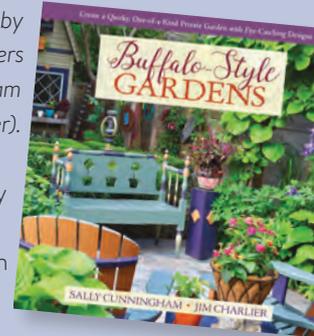
BY ED HEALY

In July 1995, a small group of neighbors in Buffalo's Elmwood Village, in a simple act of hope and optimism, invited the community to visit the gardens they had been carefully tending. Twenty-five years later, these gardeners have been joined by hundreds of others and **Garden Walk Buffalo** has grown to become the largest free event of its kind in the entire United States, regularly attracting more than 50,000 people over the last weekend of July. Garden Walk has been the catalyst for beautifying and rejuvenating entire city blocks, increasing home values and helping to create a new image for

Buffalo — the model horticulture tourism event other cities would like to emulate. To commemorate its 25th anniversary, Garden Walk is expanding into the city's Parkside neighborhood and planning some very special events. If you can't make it to this year's big garden party on July 27 and 28, check out Buffalo's Open Gardens event on Thursdays and Fridays throughout July or one of 14 smaller garden walks from late June through August. There's never been a better time to stop and smell the flowers in Buffalo!
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BY KAREN FASHANA





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BY ED HEALY

Located in the beautifully restored building that once served as the Jamestown train station, the new **National Comedy Center** encompasses more than 37,000 square feet of exhibits, artifacts and multimedia installations. There's Jerry Seinfeld's puffy shirt, the Coneheads' prosthetic heads, Rodney Dangerfield's handwritten one-liners, and thousands of hours of video featuring original interviews, stand-up routines, sitcoms and late night performances by the kings and queens of comedy. There's even a "Blue Room" for adults who like their laughs on the raunchier side. The depth and breadth of the historic artifacts and archival materials assembled by the Center is simply amazing and as engaging, entertaining and flat out funny as any museum experience can be.

The National Comedy Center in Jamestown is a hoot. Be prepared to stay longer (and laugh harder) than you expected.

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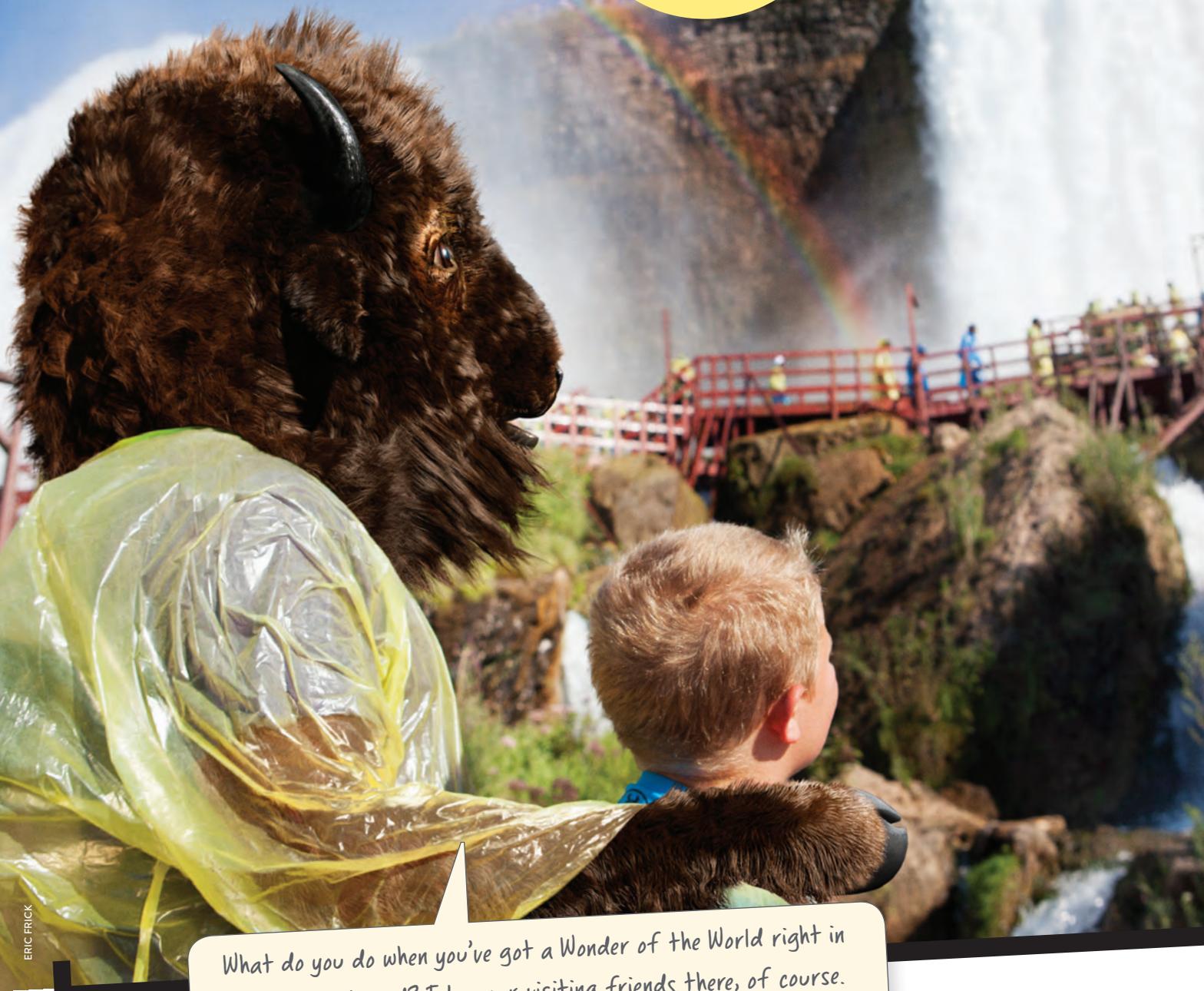
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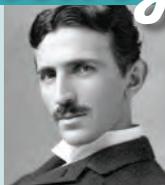
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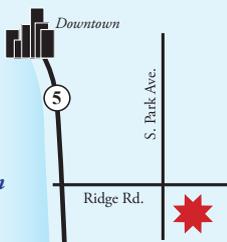
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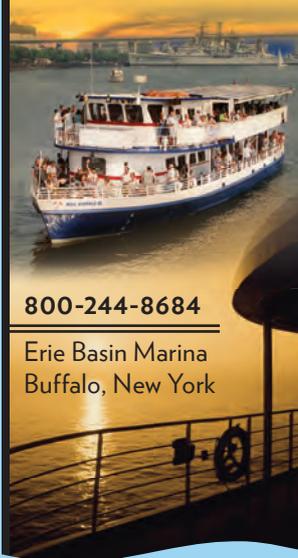
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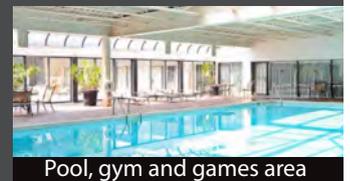
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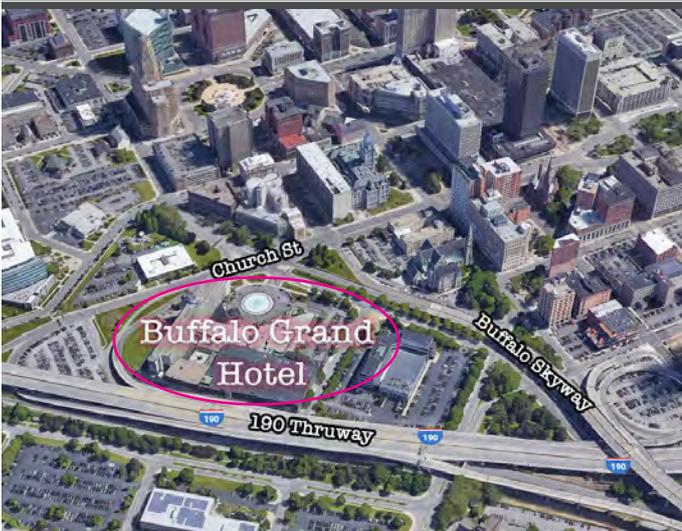
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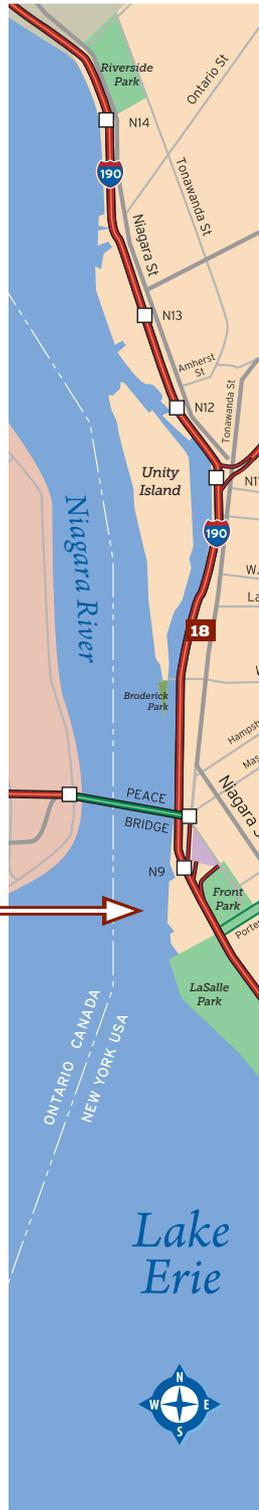
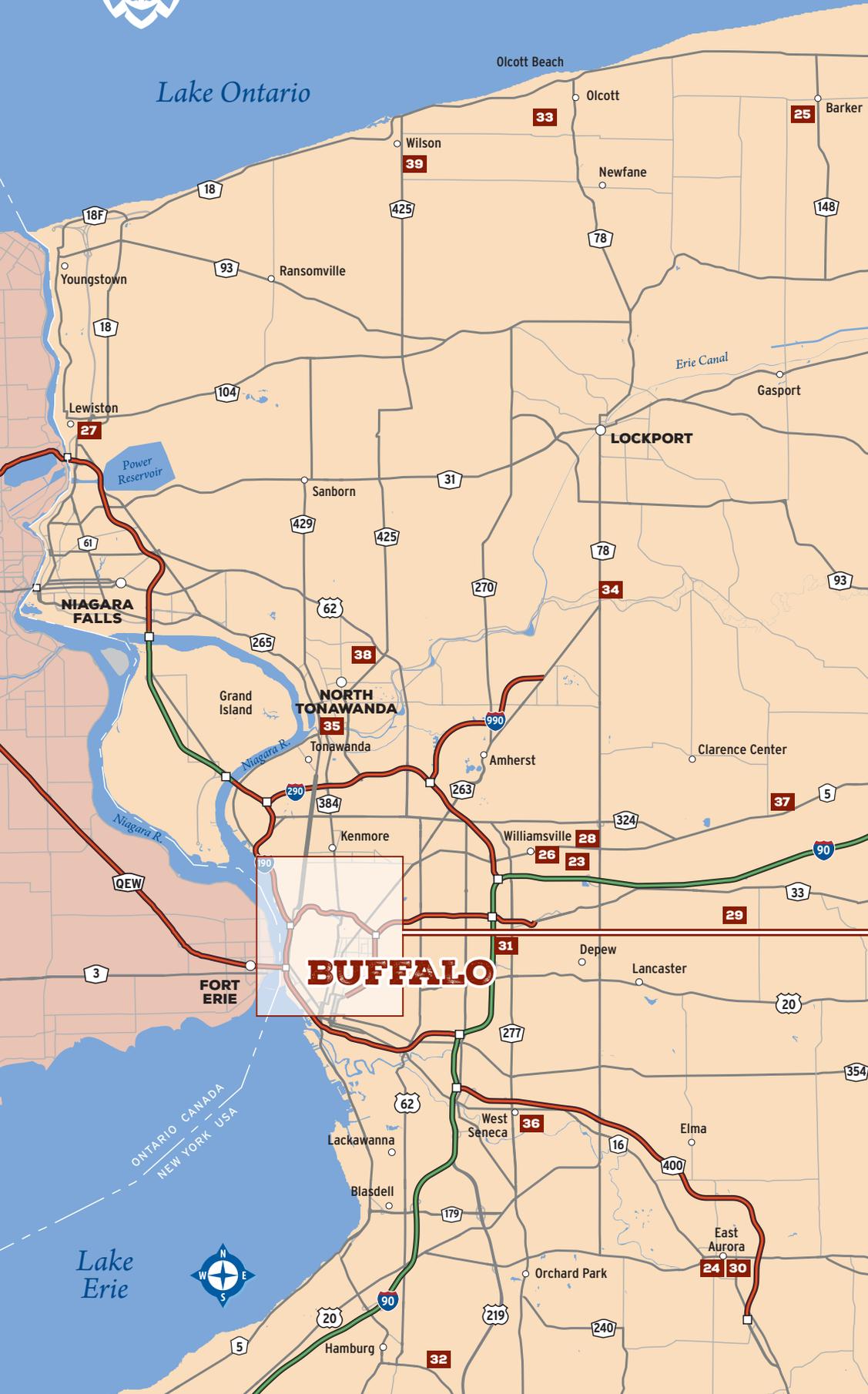
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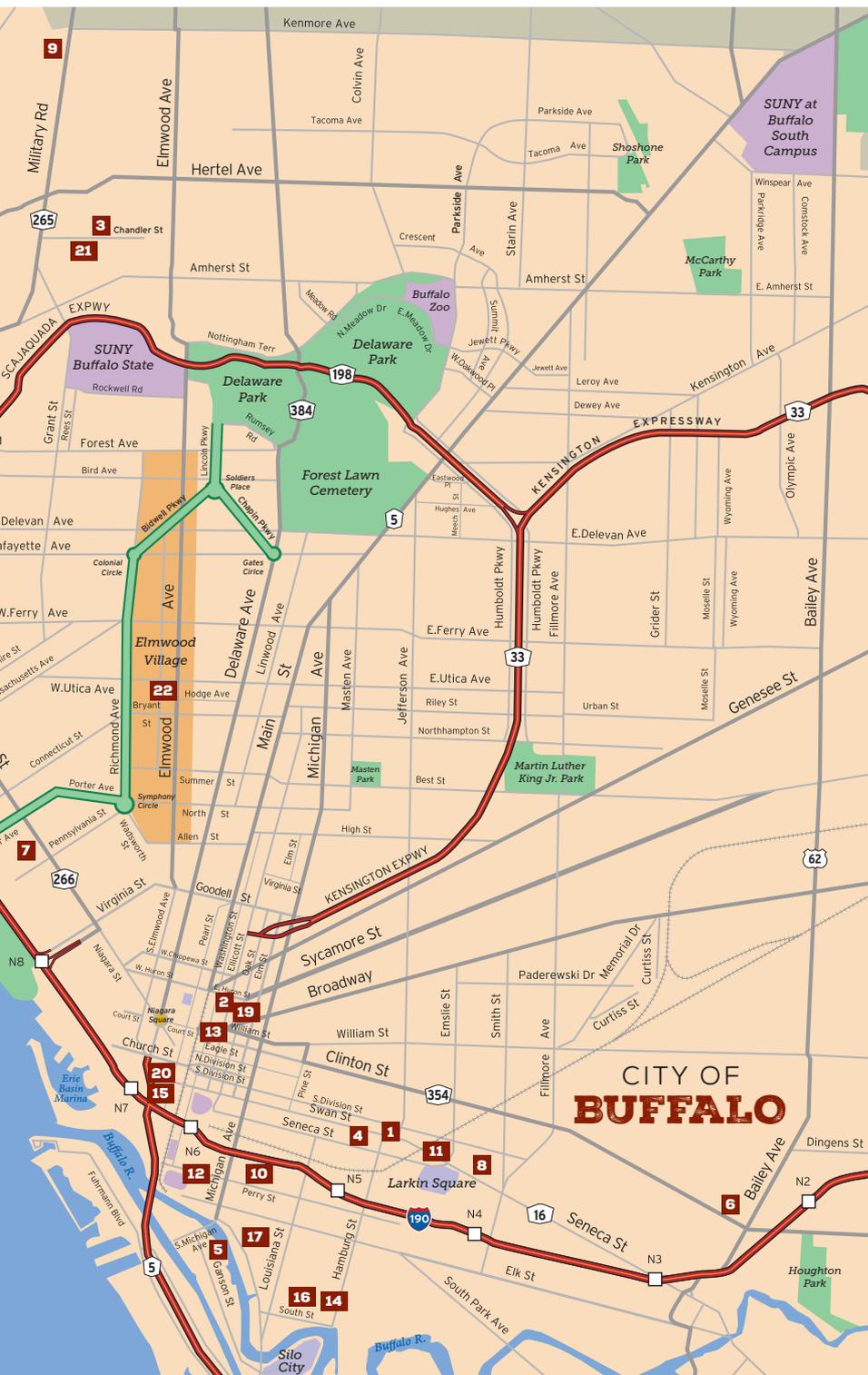
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sip a cold one in the sunshine as ziplines cruise between decommissioned grain elevators? Or enjoy a brew with your grub from one of the largest food truck gatherings in the country? That's right — Buffalo, NY.

With this handy map, you won't miss a drop from Buffalo's best breweries. Cheers!



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- 10 HOFBRAUHAUS BUFFALO
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- 13 LAFAYETTE BREWING CO.
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- 17 RESURGENCE BREWING CO. (Chicago St)
- 18 RESURGENCE BREWING CO. (Niagara St)
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Falling for Buffalo

WE FIRST DROVE INTO BUFFALO ON AN ELEVATED HIGHWAY

that shuttled us past underused brick factories, hulking grain elevators, and a clutch of downtown office towers. From one of the factories I caught a whiff of toasted oats, then a marine breeze from Lake Erie as it flashed past. This was the Buffalo I'd more or less expected, the butt of Carson's late-night snow jokes, the veritable capital of the Rust Belt.

My husband was interviewing for a job then, in the spring of 2014, so we were checking Buffalo out like a date. Our phone told us to exit at Elmwood Avenue, and we were deposited between two shockingly handsome buildings. We saw art-museum columns and gleaming university signage. Cyclists spun along a new bike path. The perfume of budding lilacs spritzed the air. Sixty canoes mounted on a single pole were lit up as elegantly as the Bellagio fountains. I'd soon learn this was a sculpture with a damn-lovable title: "Built to Live Anywhere, At Home Here." This was not the Buffalo we expected.



TOM LOONAN

We fell for the lively Elmwood Village neighborhood. Within months we'd return and live in Buffalo, enjoying good times on the re-emerging craft-beer and cocktail scene. We appreciated quick walks to the world-class Albright-Knox Art Gallery and Buffalo State College's Burchfield Penney Art Center, the impressive first couple buildings we'd spotted. And the Buffalonians we met were kind,

friendly, entertaining, and down-home. A neighbor insisted, despite his suit and tie, that it was no problem to dig my car out of the snow. At warmer times the porchfests, garden walks, and block parties just kept coming.

"Buffalo is a good-looking, good-timing live wire of a city."

New opportunities downstate three years later called us away from the friends we'd made in Buffalo. We said goodbye at Més Qué, an unlikely mix of soccer-hooligan joint and craft-cocktail bar. It was a crowded December night; I was struggling in tall heels. True to form, fellow patrons not only said I could use their stool, but even insisted on carrying it over for me. We knew that level of friendliness was not going to be happening around New York City.

Since moving away we've found excuses, as flimsy as a book club meeting or a doctor's visit, to get back to Buffalo. On an October trip, I swooned over the beautiful Victorians and comparatively low prices. I stocked up on Flying Bison craft-beers and hit Duff's for wings. We got together with friends and traded memories, like of a woman flirting with my husband at the local Polish Pride festival, Dyngus Day, by shouting "I'ma hit you with my pussywillows!"

As it's been ever since its Erie Canal heyday, Buffalo is a good-looking, good-timing live wire of a city. I didn't grow up or have a single family member here. But we've got countless friends, some already dear and others just friendly locals we expect to meet on future return visits.

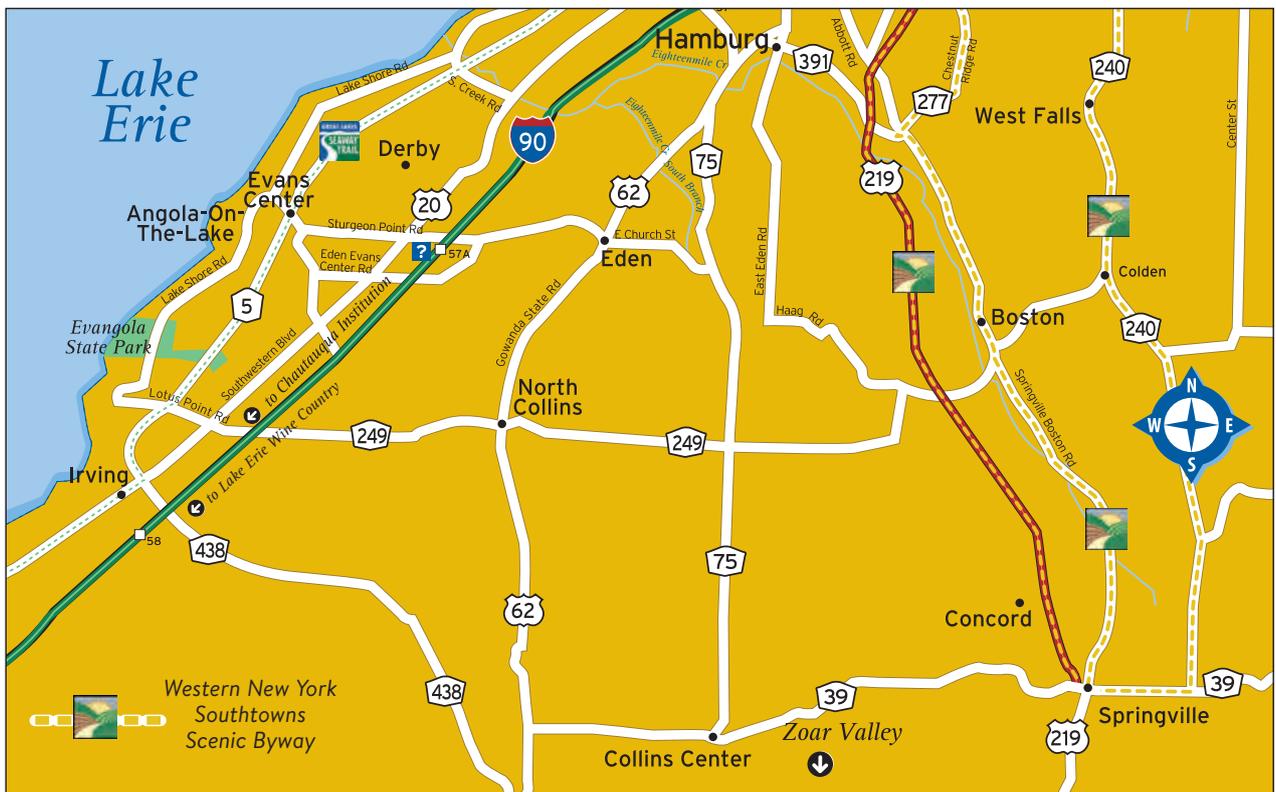
I'm proud to consider myself a hardcore Buffalo fan, and — if you find yourself fortunate enough to spend even a little time here — don't be shocked if you leave feeling the same.

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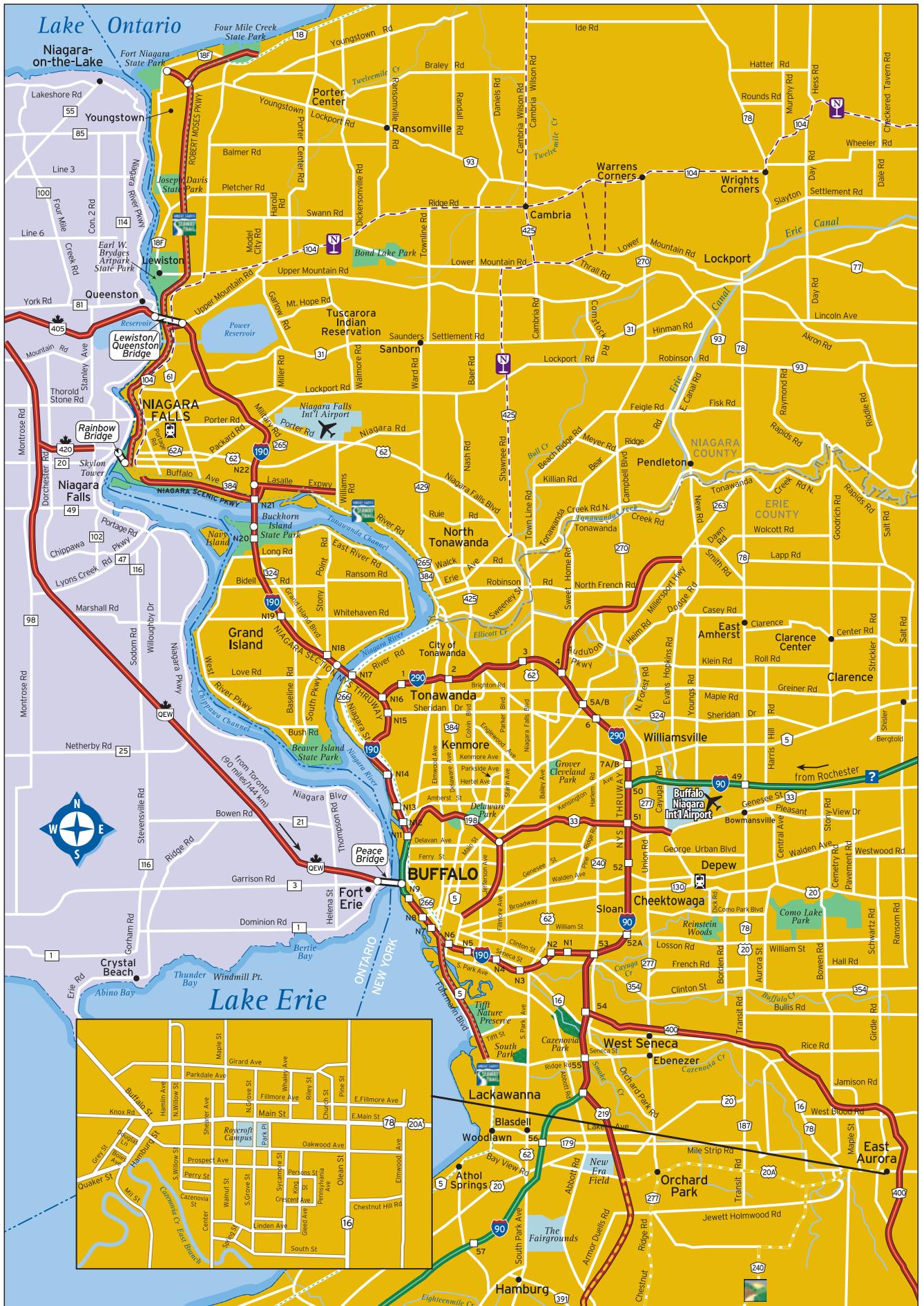


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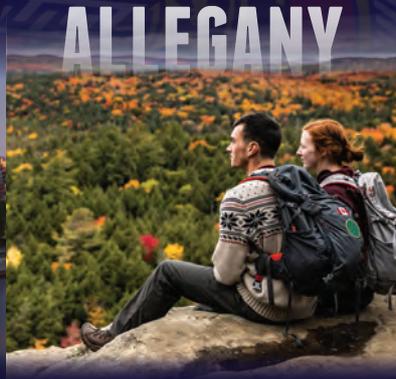
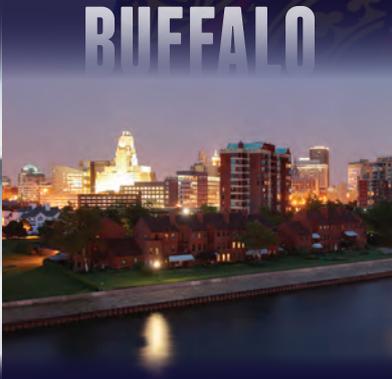
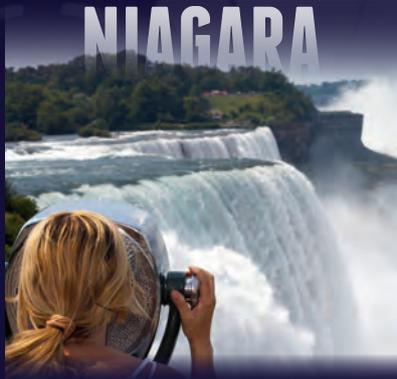


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