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After years of showing up on more than our share of "Best Kept Secret" lists, Buffalo steps into the spotlight as one of the hottest destinations on *The New York Times*' prestigious "52 Places to Go in 2018" list. In placing our fair city on its list, the *Times* noted the energy and excitement found on our waterfront and the surge of new dining and drinking establishments makes Buffalo an up-and-coming place to visit. Find out what all the buzz is about on the following pages — we're ready for company and waiting for you to arrive!

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“THIS IS BUFFALO? WHOA,
I think I like it here!”

A FIRST-TIME VISITOR FINDS A LOT TO LOVE IN THE **UNEXPECTED BUFFALO**

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BUFFALO RIVERWORKS

Buffalo's newest waterfront hotspot includes a brewery and beer garden along the water's edge.

It was a Friday afternoon in the summertime.

I could hear live music in the distance. Relaxed-looking couples walked arm-in-arm down the sun-soaked wooden boardwalk. Gleeful kids ran around laughing and playing. A massive, spandex-clad group had assembled on the grass under a soaring overpass for some restorative, end-of-the-work-week yoga. And folks had taken to the water by boat, paddle-board and even bicycle (yes, water bicycles).

“This is Buffalo!?” I thought. “Whoa, I think I like it here.”

I’ve been to many city waterfronts, but **Canalside** was not a typical touristy area with a few vendors and scattered activities. It was thriving! I kept thinking to myself that Buffalo was doing something right. The planners, designers, and organizers hadn’t just thrown this together; instead, it felt like they were really paying attention to the details — down to the smallest things like colorful Adirondack chairs that create these cozy zones for folks to take a load off and just enjoy the scene. I loved trying out a water bike — a little pontoon with pedals —



RESURGENCE BREWING CO. » This West Side brewery, located in a former boat engine factory, has become a local favorite with its large beer garden and unique brews like sponge candy stout.



CHEZ AMI » Soak in a 360 degree view from the revolving bar of the new Chez Ami restaurant, located on the ground floor of the recently opened Curtiss Hotel.

PHOTOS BY LISA LUBIN

and getting a unique perspective from the water. What a neat way to get some exercise and take in the views of the grain silos from the heyday of the Erie Canal.

I had heard for a few years that Buffalo had been quietly reinventing itself. But how had such a cool city eluded me for all these years? To this first-time visitor, Buffalo was flourishing; it felt alive. There was an infectious energy in every friendly face.

We rented bikes and jumped on the [Queen City Bike Ferry](#) to the far side of the Buffalo River, and were soon on our way riding along a bike path past wooded nature preserves with wild grasses and the glistening waters of

TERRACE AT DELAWARE PARK » Pristine patio views of Hoyt Lake await at this new Delaware Park restaurant.



Lake Erie. Lest we forget we were still in the city, the skyline and signature grain silos stood tall in the distance. It felt like we were a world away from the frenzy of activity just across the river.

After our ride and in need of some refreshment and relaxation, we headed to the lively **Resurgence Brewing Co.** on the city's once-neglected West Side. The interior was a bright, refurbished warehouse with a soaring ceiling, lots of exposed beams...and a giant Jenga game. But it was the back patio that I fell for — local folks sipped IPAs and frothy lagers at large, wooden picnic tables topped with bright red umbrellas. Friends played a round of cornhole. And twinkling lights dangled overhead as dusk fell on the city.

table movement that's fueled by plenty of nearby farms. At the new **Terrace at Delaware Park**, we shared a delicious gnocchi appetizer before a main course of mushroom Bolognese that was a creative take on this classic Italian dish. Sitting on the patio that overlooks the picturesque park and Hoyt Lake, soaking up the colorful sky at twilight hour, I said to myself, "OK, I really love it here."

I was in Buffalo for a huge concert and lightshow on the beautiful front lawn of the newly refurbished **Hotel Henry** at the **Richardson Olmsted Campus**. The towers of the former Buffalo State Hospital were illuminated with a stunning lightshow, set to the music of the **Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra**.

It was a fantastic spectacle of

MY INITIAL "LIKE" HAD TURNED INTO A BIG CRUSH. SERIOUSLY.

Excited to dig into Buffalo's growing food scene, we made our way to **Buffalo Proper**, a cool spot with a bustling bar and inventive cocktail menu. Their sophisticated small plates really stoked my curiosity about the city's resurgent restaurant scene. I discovered that chefs are flocking to Buffalo (or returning home), thanks to a healthy farm-to-

sight and sound. While I sat there gazing at the show, I felt lucky to be among these Buffalonians and just soaked up their palpable pride in their city.

Settling into my room in the historic Hotel Henry that night, I thought about this underrated gem of a city. The sheer number of fun things to do, see, and eat in Buffalo is such a pleasant surprise.



HOTEL HENRY » The 88-room Hotel Henry opened in 2017 within the Richardson Olmsted Campus. Designed by Henry Hobson Richardson, it is a National Historic Landmark.



BREADHIVE BAKERY & CAFÉ » Grab a bagel sandwich or homemade cookies from this worker-owned cooperative.



Did you know Buffalo is home to seven of **Frank Lloyd Wright's masterworks**? I was amazed at the multitude of incredible landmark buildings and homes in this city. Name a great American architect and he likely put his stamp on Buffalo. **Wright, Louis Sullivan, H. H. Richardson, Frederick Law Olmsted** — their legacies all live on here in the buildings and parks they designed. Just as surprising are the many new breweries bringing life back into long neglected neighborhoods. My whirlwind introduction to this charming city had left me eager for more.

I'm not from Buffalo, and I had never visited before. From the eyes of this non-native, Buffalo is booming; it feels alive with a youthful enthusiasm and entrepreneurial spirit. And it's easy to understand why. After decades of decline, the city is back with a vengeance. After years of waiting, change has truly come.

I'M EXCITED TO KEEP RETURNING TO SEE WHAT'S NEXT.



PUBLIC ART » The author posing with *Magic Buffalo* by Bunnie Reiss, one of the city's new murals.



INTRODUCING AMERICA'S TASTIEST DRIVE



The new Buffalo Wing Trail features a dozen of the best wing joints in the world

BY BRIAN HAYDEN

"BUFFALO-STYLE."

The flavor gracing the menus of nearly every pub in North America takes on a whole new meaning in the city that created it. It was Buffalo's Anchor Bar that changed the course of American food history in 1964 by inventing the Buffalo-style chicken wing. In the decades since, Buffalo's corner taverns have perfected variations on the wing, each with its own secret recipe, and always complemented by ample helpings of blue cheese.

But Buffalo-style goes beyond the unique sauces and preparation techniques found in the birthplace of the wing. The history, character and atmosphere found in each of the 12 pubs along the new Buffalo Wing Trail are as unique and flavorful as the wings. Here's an eater's guide to the delicious dozen on America's tastiest drive. **Your wet naps are waiting.**



BLACKTHORN
RESTAURANT & PUB

ORIGINAL WINGS

If you're making a pilgrimage to the birthplace of the chicken wing, do yourself a favor: Instead of entering the **Anchor Bar** from the parking lot, walk around the corner to the Main Street entrance, stop at the original wooden bar, and pause.

This very spot changed the course of American food history in 1964, when the hungry friends of Dominic Bellissimo, who was tending bar at the time, arrived looking for a late-night snack. Dominic's mother — owner Teresa Bellissimo — took the chicken wings originally intended for a soup, fried them, tossed them in hot sauce and served them up.

The Anchor Bar subsequently became a mecca for wing lovers, evidenced by over 500 license plates hanging on the barroom walls from every state, Canadian provinces and most of Western Europe.

With roots dating back to 1935, the Anchor Bar has grown to a dozen locations and sells its signature sauce in almost 3,000 supermarkets and as far away as Kyoto, Japan. While the Main Street location serves several varieties of wings, it's the medium that are the closest interpretation to Teresa's original recipe from all those years ago. » [1047 Main St., Buffalo](#) / [anchorbar.com](#)

PAINTED WINGS

Bar-Bill Tavern's founder, Joe Giafaglione, used the precision he honed during a career in engineering to perfect the wings of this East Aurora institution. Staff methodically hand-paint each wing with housemade sauces using a paint brush, and every order of wings comes with exactly five drums and five flats. Bar-Bill's limited menu also includes Buffalo's renowned beef on weck sandwiches, hand carved on the spot.

Patrons pack the covered front patio and narrow bar, which features a wall filled with hundreds of glass mugs for members of "The Mug Club." For \$50, customers can purchase a mug with their name on it that stays at the tavern and allows an indefinite supply of \$1 domestic draft beers; over 3,000 are now members. The most frequent customers earn a space for their mug behind the bar. A poster of Johnny Cash near the back of the tavern reminds patrons of another important fact: Bar-Bill is cash only.

185 Main St., East Aurora / barbill.com

SOUTH BUFFALO WINGS

The Gaelic sign greeting customers walking into the **Blackthorn Restaurant & Pub** says it all — "Cead Mile Failte" or "a hundred thousand welcomes." Irish heritage, warmth, wit and hospitality abound in this Seneca Street establishment, from the Celtic music to portions of the bar imported from the Old Sod.

The Blackthorn has a menu filled with Irish fare, comfort foods and the "South Buffalo Wing," a delicious interpretation of a standard wing with some extra spices and flavor served with housemade blue cheese. But the best-kept secret of the Blackthorn lies upstairs, in the backroom home of the storied Blackthorn Club, which has been around for over 100 years. The late Tim Russert — proud son of Buffalo and moderator of NBC's *Meet the Press* — loved the pub and was slated to join the club's ranks until his unexpected death in 2008. His presence looms large in a series of photos in the clubroom, along with pictures of St. Patrick's Day parades and other events from the club's storied history.

2134 Seneca St., Buffalo / blackthornrestaurant.com

CLASSIC WINGS

If only the walls at **Cole's Restaurant & Bar** could talk. Memorabilia collected through the years covers nearly every square inch of this 84-year-old staple of the Elmwood Village. There's a rowboat that had its moment in the 1960 Olympics hanging from the rafters, a series of carousel horses and dozens of college pennants.

Cole's honors its rich past while also keeping up on current trends. The bar has nearly three dozen microbrews on tap and the wing options are doubling this year. Chef Nick Rada spent two years living in Asia and brought back new flavors like sticky sweet soy sauce and sweet chili gochujang to add to the ranks of the classic versions the Shatzel family has served since taking

over the pub in 1972. And Cole's is one of the only spots on the trail where you can pair five wings with a beef on weck sandwich, an only-in-Buffalo combo that should be experienced at least once.

1104 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo / colesonelmwood.com

**HOT IS VERY,
VERY
HOT** — DUFF'S

SMITTY WINGS

Along Abbott Road in South Buffalo, the "Smitty wing" rules the roost.

Doc Sullivan's Pub serves this born-in-the-neighborhood take on the wing, which mixes a half-dozen spices into a traditional hot sauce. "Smitty" is a nod to the pub's previous name and the Smith family who ran it; the secret recipe has been passed down through generations of ownership for the last 40 years. "Smitty" hot, medium and mild replace the typical flavor scale found at most restaurants. The result is a perfectly crispy, saucy wing with a full-bodied flavor.

Another recent addition to Doc Sullivan's menu is the beef on weck wing, a fusion of two of Buffalo's most popular foods. Covered in a horseradish aioli, salt and caraway seeds, these wings are a delicious new take on a Buffalo classic. Lots of natural light, a central wooden bar and photos of historic Buffalo on the walls make Doc Sullivan's a comfortable neighborhood pub to stop in — and keep returning to.

474 Abbott Rd., Buffalo / facebook.com/DocSullivans



VERY, VERY HOT WINGS

The warning signs at **Duff's** are everywhere — on the walls, the menus, the large white buckets served for discarded wings and even on apparel. “MEDIUM is HOT. MEDIUM HOT is VERY HOT. HOT is VERY, VERY HOT.” The adjusted flavor scale for Duff's sauces even inspired a group of *Saturday Night Live* writers, who created an early 1990s sketch based on their Duff's experience. You'll appreciate SNL's “Super Fire Hot Chicken Wings” online even more after dining at Duff's.

Open since 1946, Duff's added “Famous Wings” to its title after a glowing *Buffalo News* review in the 1980s. It has grown to include several area locations, including one President Obama visited in 2010. But the original Sheridan Drive location remains the star. Duff's fries their wings once to seal in the juic, then again to make them crispy. It results in a wing high on the crispy, saucy and juicy spectrum. *Pro tip:* Eat like a local and order a side of fries to dunk in your blue cheese and gravy.

3651 Sheridan Dr., Amherst / duffswings.com

DOUBLE-DIPPED WINGS

Elmo's Bar & Restaurant is a no-frills bar located in a strip mall off a four-lane highway that serves up some of the most unique — and tasty — wings in Buffalo. Elmo's has been honing its wing game since owner Adrian Meredith took over in the early 1990s, developing a from-scratch Cajun sauce that was unprecedented in Buffalo and heavily incorporates grilling into its process. Now, most wing orders

are grilled, and nearly half are “double-dipped:” fried, tossed in sauce, grilled, doused in a different sauce, and served.

The result is a wing bursting with a combination of flavors unlike anywhere else on the trail. Over a half-dozen double-dip options are available; the “BBQ hot” is a fusion of tang and heat, while the “Cajun honey mustard” is both sweet and spicy, with the char-grilled smokiness rounding out the flavor profile. The simple interior of the bar features late 1990s Sabres jerseys, a tribute to the days when the team used to chow down here after practice. » [2349 Millersport Hwy., Getzville / *elmosonline.com*](#)

OLD SCHOOL WINGS

The old saying of “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” would certainly apply at **Gabriel’s Gate**. This staple of Buffalo’s Allentown neighborhood for the last half-century has kept its wings consistent throughout the years — a touch crispy, with a splash of Frank’s Red Hot. Gabriel’s Gate is the standard for a classic wing done right.

Gabriel’s Gate — formerly a brick row house constructed in 1864 that formerly served as an antique shop — is teeming with character, from the tin ceilings and saloon-style chandelier to the hardwood floors, wooden booths and two wood-burning fireplaces. A series of mounted animal heads stare down customers from the high ceiling bar. Its long and narrow interior opens to a back patio that has a running fountain in the summer.

Gabriel’s is the kind of pub you could only find in Allentown — one of Buffalo’s oldest neighborhoods and the city’s creative quarter filled with historic architecture, public art and a host of galleries, bars, nightclubs and restaurants. » [145 Allen St., Buffalo / \(716\) 886-0602](#)

BLUE CHEESE WINGS

In the shadow of Buffalo’s towering grain silos sits **Gene McCarthy’s** pub, an icon of the city’s Old First Ward since 1964. Grain scoopers who lived in the neighborhood and worked in the silos whet their whistles at Gene’s after a long day’s work. The pub’s interior décor — shamrocks painted on the ceiling, a Fighting Irish banner and a portrait of John F. Kennedy hang from the walls and reflect the Ward’s rich Irish heritage. As kayakers, rock climbers and artists reinvigorate the nearby grain silos, Gene’s has added to its traditional appeal with a recently installed brewery next door that serves a dozen craft beers.

Gene’s also delivers a delicious twist on the Buffalo wing by taking its partnership with blue cheese to a whole new level. The McCarthy’s-style wing features a sauce that combines blue cheese with hot and BBQ flavors. It’s topped with crumbly blue cheese and served with a side of blue cheese. At Gene’s, when they say #NeverRanch, they mean it.

[73 Hamburg St., Buffalo / *genemccarthys.com*](#)

SICILIAN WINGS

Originally a stagecoach stop on the road between Buffalo and Rochester, the **Glen Park Tavern** has been an institution in the village of Williamsville since 1887. Some 130 years later, the tavern — under the ownership of the Grenauer family since the late 1990s — remains a beloved local landmark. The original wooden bar, wood-hewn ceiling and photos of 19th-century Williamsville on the walls remind customers of the tavern’s rich history.

The tavern prides itself on quality ingredients, including jumbo wings that are some of the largest on the trail, and an especially creamy blue cheese dressing made from scratch. Nearly two-thirds of the staff at the tavern have worked there for over 20 years and meet regularly to review the menu and food, which recently spurred the development of a secret ingredient that helps their sauce stick to the wing. Locals swear by the Glen Park’s Sicilian wing, which is covered in Parmesan cheese, garlic, basil and oregano.

[5507 Main St., Williamsville](#)
[glenparktavernbuffalo.com](#)



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1 ESSEX ST. PUB

Essex St. Pub opened in 1986 in a building dating to 1886. A jukebox and pool table type bar, it's a great spot for late night shenanigans and chowing on barbecue. Don't miss the "Macky Joe," a sloppy Joe with mac 'n' cheese on top.
530 Rhode Island St., Buffalo
essexstreetpub.com

2 EDDIE BRADY'S TAVERN

Eddie Brady's is where gruff Irishmen, downtown law and finance types, and college good-times seekers collide. Of any Buffalo tavern, Brady's feels truest to its pre-Prohibition saloon heritage. Brady's offers the city's best turkey and gravy dinner — available on Mondays.
97 Genesee St., Buffalo
eddiebradys.com

3 ARTY'S GRILL

Arty's is like walking into the East Side of Buffalo of 1972. Polka music plays and Polish import beers are cheap. Regulars reminisce about the old neighborhood and share their visions for a revived Central Terminal.
508 Peckham St., Buffalo
facebook.com/ArtyGrill

4 ULRICH'S 1868 TAVERN

Ulrich's is Buffalo's oldest tavern, dating from 1868 when the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus was Brewer's Hill, a solid German neighborhood. Adjacent to the old Phoenix brewery and Trico windshield wiper plant, the classic workingman's tavern is now a popular hangout for medical professionals, young business types and entrepreneurs.
674 Ellicott St., Buffalo
ulrichstavern.com

5 ROHALL'S CORNER

This Black Rock tavern is a museum-piece of the Streamline Moderne Style of the 1940s. The sweeping curves of the bar, ceiling, and even the lit glass block entryway communicate a city on the move. Few places are friendlier as a neighborhood gathering spot.
540 Amherst St., Buffalo
(716) 939-2087

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KOREAN BBQ WINGS

Upon entering the **Lenox Grill**, you might expect to see Ted Danson tending bar. The pub, set several feet below ground and clad in dark wood — bears a striking resemblance to the set of *Cheers*, the kind of place "where everybody knows your name" or will soon enough.

The Lenox Grill is set within Buffalo's oldest continuously operating hotel, which dates to the turn of the 20th century and has housed an impressive roster of guests including Duke Ellington, Henry Fonda, Harry Belafonte and a young F. Scott Fitzgerald. The pub, opened more recently, has distinguished itself with an eye-popping beer list of over 550 bottled varieties and a kitchen open later than anywhere else on the trail (3 a.m. on weekends, with a 4 a.m. bar closing time). Its wings have gained local acclaim thanks to enterprising chef Michael Strom, who introduces a new weekly wing special to the bar, from peanut butter-and-jelly to s'mores. Other noteworthy flavor options include the BBQ honey Sriracha and Korean BBQ.

140 North St., Buffalo / lenoxgrill.com

SPECIAL SAUCE WINGS

Some 12 years after the Buffalo-style wing's inception, Phyllis Dimpfl decided to try her own variation at **Mammoser's Tavern** in Hamburg. The result was a wing unlike anywhere else in town. Phyllis loved spicy food, so she devised a homemade sauce that was a marked departure from the Frank's Red Hot-based sauces Buffalonians were used to. She created Mammoser's Original Wing Sauce, which is sold by the bottle at the restaurant and in local supermarkets. The sauce, which lists four different varieties of pepper in its top 10 ingredients, provides a slow burn and an extra kick of spiciness.

Mammoser's has a distinctive interior, with many of the original wooden features of the former 19th century stable still isible at the bar. Phyllis' son Pete now runs the tavern, which has been in the Dimpfl family since 1948. Another noted distinction here is the fact that Mammoser's uses no butter or margarine in its wing-making process, resulting in a drier wing that's incredibly flavorful and juicy on the inside.

16 S. Buffalo St., Hamburg
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AGAINST THE GRAIN

BUFFALO'S **ELEVATOR ALLEY** HAS
BECOME A 21ST CENTURY **PLAYGROUND**

BY BRIAN HAYDEN

TOWERING GRAIN SILOS FORM THE BACKDROP OF NEARLY EVERY EXPERIENCE ON Buffalo's waterfront, from strolling Canalside's boardwalk to biking the lakeside trails along the Outer Harbor. Buffalo has one of the world's largest collections of silos, a throwback to its industrial heyday when Great Lakes freighters off-loaded and stored millions of bushels of grain in them.

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THE BUFFALO RIVER

Kayakers, water bikers and boat tours share the river on a typical summer day.

(Grain continued from page 16)

Industry declined, and for decades, locals viewed the empty concrete behemoths lining the Buffalo River as an impediment to enjoying the waterfront. No longer. Today, the silos have become a magnet for kayakers, rock climbers, zip liners, theater-goers and craft beer connoisseurs. Their repurposing and redevelopment embody Buffalo's rebirth and mission to take what's uniquely ours — a remarkable built environment — and turn it into someplace extraordinary to visit.

Here are some of the top ways to enjoy Buffalo's "Elevator Alley."

FROM UP HIGH

The world's first grain silo zip line has launched from [Buffalo RiverWorks](#), an entertainment complex along the Buffalo River featuring an urban adventure course carved from the

ruins of grain silos. Thrill-seekers climb to the top of the world's largest Labatt Blue six pack, a group of silos painted to resemble Buffalo's favorite Canadian beer, then launch off for a bird's eye view of the waterfront. Another group of RiverWorks silos offer interior and exterior rock climbing, while further down the Buffalo River, [Explore Buffalo's "Silo City: Vertical" tours](#) take urban adventurers on a journey past old industrial machinery to the top floor of the structures.

[buffaloriverworks.com](#) / [explorebuffalo.com](#)

WITH A BEER

RiverWorks also opened the world's first brewery inside of a grain silo in 2017. Belly up to the bar carved out the side of the silo for a fresh beer brewed just a few feet away.

Relax in the beer garden formed from the remnants of another former silo. In other cities, day drinking on an old industrial property would be called trespassing. In Buffalo, it's called Sunday afternoon.



JIM BUSH

BUFFALO
RIVERWORKS

FAMILY FUN AT CANALSIDE

[Canalside](#) is Buffalo's new waterfront playground. But we're not talking monkey bars and teeter-totters, instead it's water bikes and paddleboats, giant Jenga, pirate cruises and experiences that'll have your kids begging for just five more minutes. Spend your summer vacation on the water by renting kayaks or paddleboarding through Buffalo's Elevator Alley, a unique collection of grain silos that speak to our city's industrial past. Let the little ones crawl and climb on the wooden tugboat in the oversized sandbox just steps from the boardwalk. Canalside is also home to its own floating museum, the [Buffalo Naval & Military Park](#), where the kids can get a first-hand look inside three decommissioned WWII warships, including a submarine! Grab a scoop (or two) of your favorite ice cream at either [The Dish](#) or [The Hatch](#) and enjoy a sunset stroll along the water. Finish your waterfront walk with a trip up the 100-step observation tower and soak up some stunning views of Lake Erie.



JOE CASCIO

As if that's not enough to convince you Buffalo is where all the cool kids go, Canalside is also the future home to a [new children's museum](#) and [historic carousel](#) opening in early 2019.

Be cool. Come visit. » [canalsidebuffalo.com](#)



WATER BIKING ON THE BUFFALO RIVER

FROM THE WATER

Rent a kayak, water bike or standup paddleboard from several points along the Buffalo River — including Canalside, RiverWorks, Silo City and Mutual Riverfront Park — for an up-close and personal view of the concrete canyon of silos that surround either side of the Buffalo River. Or hop on a [Buffalo River History Tour](#) from Canalside — a guided boat cruise — to learn the backstory of the structures. On your journey, you may even catch a whiff of Cheerios, which have been produced by Buffalo's General Mills plant on the river since 1941. [buffaloriverhistorytours.com](#)

WITH ART

Buffalo's largest public art installation is on the [Connecting Terminal silo](#), which appears nightly in a projection of colors and patterns to the delight of Canalside visitors watching from across the Buffalo River. And [Silo City](#) has become one of Buffalo's most unique performance venues. The cavernous silo interiors host poetry readings, musical performances and an annual summer theater production. The acoustics and echo inside the massive, hollow structures provide an experience unlike any other venue. » [silo.city](#)

CONNECTING TERMINAL SILO



5 TO TRY BRUNCH

JESSICA KELLY

1 ROOST

Bringing flair to Buffalo's West Side, Roost's breakfast pizza won't disappoint! Loaded with sausage, pancetta, thinly shaved potatoes and drizzled with egg yolk and maple syrup, this is a dish to remember.

1502 Niagara St., Buffalo
[roostbuffalo.com](#)

2 THE GRANGE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

The Grange feels like hanging out in a friend's beautiful apartment. Sunlight fills the entire restaurant, and the open kitchen concept with shelves filled with cookbooks makes guests feel right at home. Be sure to grab a warm cinnamon bun to go!

22 Main St., Hamburg
[grangecommunitykitchen.com](#)

3 TOUTANT

Toutant's creamy shrimp and grits made with heirloom white corn grits, gulf shrimp, Tasso ham, and tomato broth will leave you trying to lick your plate clean. Pair with a Lobster Caesar and have yourself an amazing meal. Don't forget to ask about the pastry of the day!

437 Ellicott St., Buffalo
[toutantbuffalo.com](#)

4 THE BLACK SHEEP RESTAURANT & BAR

The Black Sheep brunch menu features memorably-named concoctions like Game of Scones (mini scones, muffins, or croissants, cinnamon raisin bread, apple butter, whipped butter) and Hash Rules Everything Around Me (brisket hash, two eggs, toast).

367 Connecticut St., Buffalo
[blacksheepbuffalo.com](#)

5 THE ROYCROFT INN

In addition to its historic architecture and furnishings, the Roycroft serves a legendary Sunday brunch. Particularly special in the summer, you can dine outside on the peristyle among the beautiful gardens. Enjoy a complimentary mimosa to cap off your trip to lovely East Aurora.

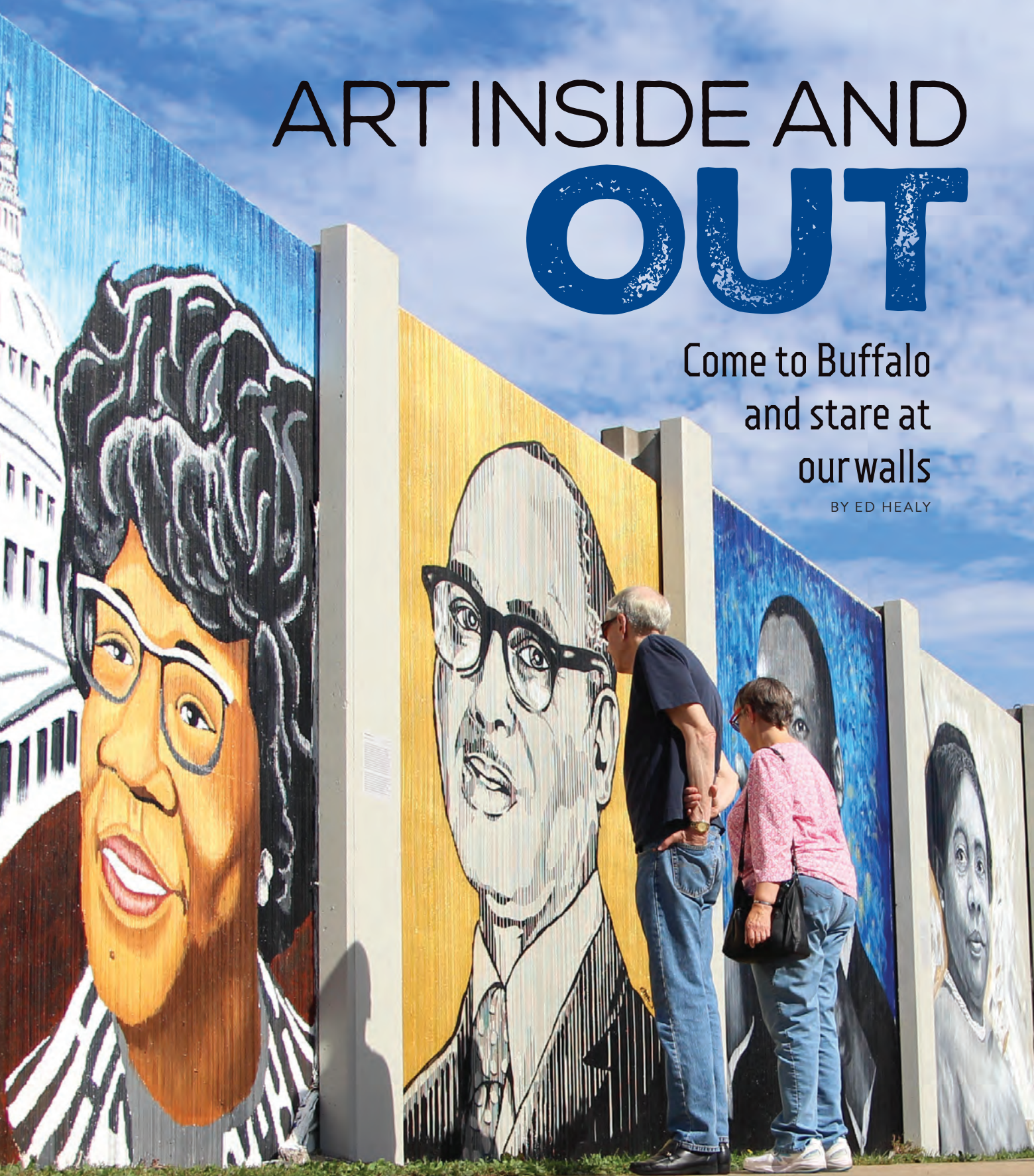
40 South Grove St., East Aurora
[roycroftinn.com](#)

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ART INSIDE AND **OUT**

Come to Buffalo
and stare at
our walls

BY ED HEALY



MICHIGAN AVE. & EAST FERRY ST. *The Freedom Wall* by John Baker, Julia Bottoms, Chuck Tingley, and Edreys Wajed » Its stunning series of murals depicts African American leaders.



ALBRIGHT-KNOX ART GALLERY

585 NIAGARA ST. *Homeland, Perhaps It Is Because I Wish to See You Fly, That My Flight Continues to Be Yours* by Betsy Casañas » The work celebrates the contributions and achievements of Buffalo's Hispanic and Latino communities.

BUFFALO'S STREET CRED AS AN UP-AND-COMING ART DESTINATION TOOK

a great leap forward last year as muralists applied thousands of gallons of paint to the city's walls. East Side, West Side, everywhere you turn, there's an artist at work, making the streets of the city shine with color, line and light. The formerly non-descript, utilitarian, taken-for-granted walls of Buffalo's buildings are being brought to life through the efforts of

the **Albright-Knox Art Gallery's Public Art Initiative**, a program that focuses attention and resources on the power of painting the town.

Buffalo is also bursting with great art on the inside of our museums and galleries. The Albright-Knox boasts a collection of some of the finest modern and contemporary art in North America, while right across the street, the **Burchfield Penney Art Center** features the very best

of regional artists, including the great watercolorist and landscape painter Charles E. Burchfield.

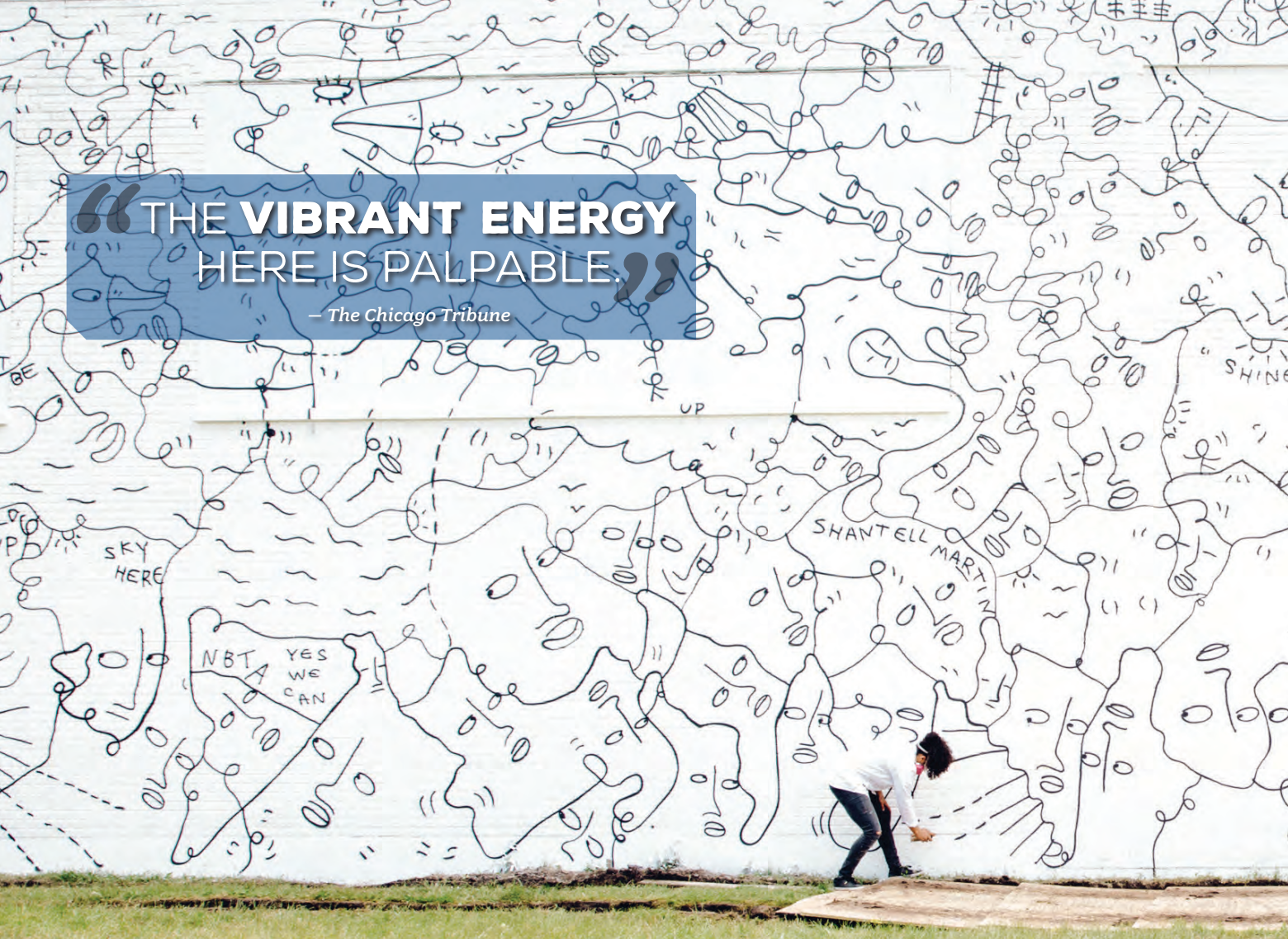
Other art hot spots include **Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center**, the **CEPA Gallery**, the **Anderson Gallery** and **Buffalo Arts Studio** where you can meet artists at work in their studios. Inside or out, Buffalo's art scene is sizzling.

visitbuffaloniagara.com/public-art

751 FILLMORE AVE. *Welcome Wall* by Keir Johnston and Ernel Martinez welcomes visitors to the city's Broadway Fillmore neighborhood, the original home of Buffalo's Polish community and today a melting pot of ethnicities.



ED HEALY



“THE VIBRANT ENERGY
HERE IS PALPABLE.”

— The Chicago Tribune

PHOTOGRAPH BY CONNIE TSANG



TOM LOONAN

HAMBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY *Hamburg Arena Painting* by Charles Clough
168 participants and volunteers poured, splattered, smeared and brushed colors
onto a canvas over the course of an entire day.

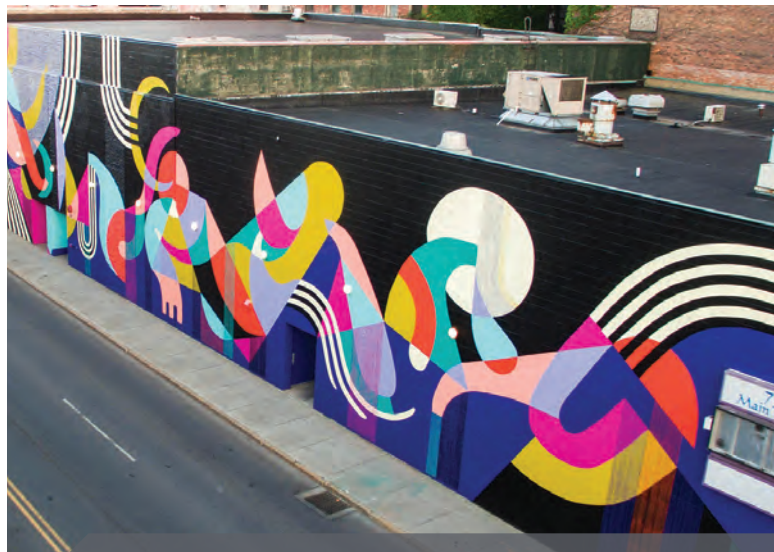


TOM LOONAN

BUFFALO CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY
Dream Keepers by Alice Mizrahi » Students in a summer youth
program worked with Mizrahi to develop and complete this mural.



537 E. DELAVAN AVE. *Dance Everyday* by Shantell Martin (shown working on the mural) / Martin's trademark linework – black ink on white surfaces – radically transformed this East Side building wall.



SHEA'S 710 THEATRE *Noodle in the Northern Lights* by Jessie Unterhalter and Katey Truhn » This expansive mural runs the entire length of the Tupper Street side of Shea's 710 Theatre and adds a splash of color to the city's Theatre District.



NFTA ALLEN/MEDICAL CAMPUS STATION *Gut Flora* by Shasti O'Leary Soudant » These 11-foot tall structures inspired by bacteria greet transit riders arriving at the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus subway station.

WORLD EATS

New arrivals add spice to Buffalo's menus

BY DREW BROWN

MIRRORING BUFFALO'S PAST, A NEW WAVE OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES FROM

Mexico, Ethiopia, Thailand, Myanmar, Iraq and countries large and small from around the world have arrived in the Queen City with their own traditions, customs and recipes. Thanks to these recent arrivals Buffalo's melting pot of ethnic cuisines has grown by hundreds of new dishes.

Anywhere you visit in Buffalo, you're greeted with delicious offerings from around the world. Craving pho? Head to the West Side's **Pho Lantern** or **Pho Dollar**. Need a taco fix? Find authentic eats at **La Divina Mexican Store**. For a more modern twist stop at downtown's **Casa Azul**.

Want a new cuisine that's perfect for sharing? Grab your friends and pass around plates of Pakistani dishes at **Clay Handi Restaurant**, authentic Chinese from **Ming Cafe**, boatloads of Burmese at **Sun Restaurant** or sushi at **Kuni's**.

Or explore the **West Side Bazaar** on Grant Street where under one roof you can sample Ethiopian injera, dim sum, pad Thai, Indian dosa, Halal Pakistani, mofongo and much more.



BRENDAN BANNON



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GRAYCLIFF ESTATE

Set on a spectacular eight-acre site overlooking Lake Erie, this Frank Lloyd Wright-designed summer home is nearing the completion of a multi-year, multi-million-dollar restoration » experiencegraycliff.org

PATRICK MAHONEY, AIA

RESTORE IT AND THEY WILL COME

Buffalo's past glory lives on in its stunningly rejuvenated architecture

BY BRIAN HAYDEN

BUFFALO IS UNDERGOING A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME TRANSFORMATION,

as its spectacular architectural legacy is restored, repurposed and returned to active use. Visitors can sleep in a hotel that was a former asylum, rock climb and drink craft beer among the ruins of grain silos, enjoy live theatre and musical performances in reclaimed movie palaces, churches and social clubs, and tour two stunning Frank Lloyd Wright homes that have been meticulously restored. Buffalo's past glory is woven into every aspect of today's visitor experience and tours by boat, bike, bus and foot make every inch of it easy to reach.



BABEVILLE

This 19th century Gothic Revival-style church was rescued from the wrecking ball by singer Ani DiFranco. It now serves as the home of her Righteous Babe Records, Hallwalls Arts Center and two concert venues. babevillebuffalo.com

SCOT FISHER



DARWIN MARTIN HOUSE

Frank Lloyd Wright described his Darwin Martin House as a “well-nigh perfect composition.” Few would disagree. This National Historic Landmark represents a high-water mark in Wright’s prolific career.
martinhouse.org



INNBUFFALO

BRENDAN BANNON

HISTORIC HOTELS OF BUFFALO

BY ED HEALY

What better way to experience one of the great cities of American architecture than by spending the night in a historic hotel? Buffalo's architecturally significant accommodations include two National Historic Landmarks, a Four-diamond AAA-rated property, a masterwork by the first female member of the American Institute of Architects, an Inn that has never received less than the highest possible rating on Trip Advisor, and a hotel featuring a rooftop bar that provides a bird's eye view of downtown Buffalo.

INNBUFFALO

As of this publication, InnBuffalo has never received less than five stars on Trip Advisor. *Never.* Let that sink in for a moment. Located in the heart of Buffalo's beautiful Elmwood Village neighborhood, InnBuffalo occupies a mansion built by businessman Herbert H. Hewitt in 1898. » innbuffalo.com

THE CURTISS HOTEL

The former Harlow C. Curtiss building in downtown Buffalo is now home to a 68-room hotel, Chez Ami restaurant, VUE rooftop lounge and a hot springs that's the first of its kind in Buffalo. curtisshotel.com

HOTEL HENRY

Set in the former Buffalo State Hospital, the Hotel Henry Urban Resort Conference Center features 88 rooms, a magnificent ballroom and the 100 Acres restaurant, and is located just around the corner from Buffalo's Museum District. hotelhenry.com

HOTEL @ THE LAFAYETTE

Located in the heart of downtown, The Lafayette was designed by Louise Blanchard Bethune, said to be the first female architect in the United States. The Lafayette is also home to the Public Espresso coffee shop, the Lafayette Brewing Company and Groom Service Beauty & Dry Bar. » thehotellafayette.com

THE MANSION ON DELAWARE AVENUE

Buffalo's first boutique hotel continues to provide a luxury experience to its guests, including 24-hour butler service and complimentary Land Rover car service throughout the city of Buffalo. mansionondelaware.com

THE ROYCROFT INN

Part of the National Historic Landmark Roycroft Campus, the birthplace of the American Arts & Crafts Movement, the Inn is the perfect spot for lovers of fine design and craftsmanship. » roycroftinn.com



100 ACRES AT HOTEL HENRY

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The Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum & The 1927 Buffalo Filling Station by Frank Lloyd Wright

263 Michigan at 201 Seneca ~ Downtown Buffalo 14203

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THE *Great Race* OF 2018

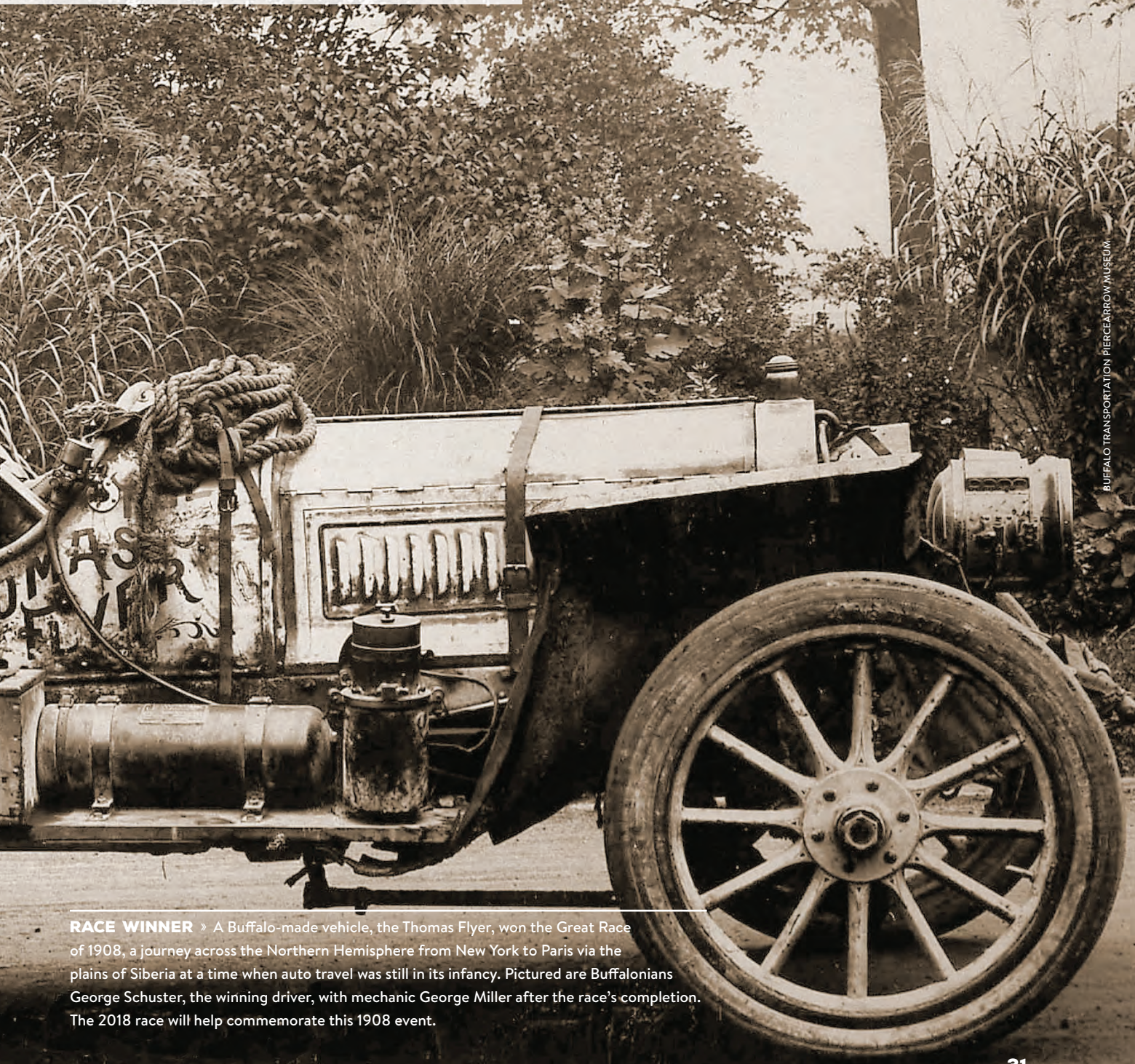
*The world's premier old car rally
revs up Buffalo's summer*

The 2018 Hemmings Motor News Great Race will bring **120 OF THE FINEST ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILES IN THE WORLD TO BUFFALO** during the third week of June. Buffalo's **Pierce Arrow Museum**, home to one of the most impressive collections of vintage cars, motorcycles and bicycles in North America, will host the start of the race on **Saturday, June 23**. Teams and cars from Japan, England, Germany, Canada and every corner of the United States will converge in Buffalo before departing on the nine-day, 2300-mile adventure that ends in Halifax, Nova Scotia.



Vintage autos dating back to 1916 will participate in the rally. The Great Race stop in Buffalo is free and open to the public. Visit greatrace.com for more information.

Can't make the starting line for the Great Race? The Pierce Arrow Museum has enough automobile memorabilia and artifacts to get your motor running at any time of the year. Check out pierce-arrow.com to learn more.



RACE WINNER » A Buffalo-made vehicle, the Thomas Flyer, won the Great Race of 1908, a journey across the Northern Hemisphere from New York to Paris via the plains of Siberia at a time when auto travel was still in its infancy. Pictured are Buffalonians George Schuster, the winning driver, with mechanic George Miller after the race's completion. The 2018 race will help commemorate this 1908 event.

Buffalo is one of America's great food towns. And no trip to the BUF is complete without sampling our smorgasbord of regional specialties.

Get the party started with an order of Buffalo wings at one of the stops along the new Buffalo Wing Trail, but save some room for a beef on weck sandwich, a charbroiled hot dog, a Friday night fish fry and maybe a slice of Buffalo-style pizza.

Here's our insider's guide to the best of classic Buffalo eats for visitors based in the downtown core. Each of these establishments is within walking distance of the above ground section of the Metro Rail, which is free of charge between Erie Canal Harbor and Fountain Plaza.

SWANNIE HOUSE

People have been bellying up to the bar at **Swannie House (170 Ohio St.)** for more than 120 years, making this modest corner tavern a genuine Buffalo classic. But it's more than seniority that makes the Swannie a must stop on any Buffalo culinary expedition. Local connoisseurs swear by the Swannie's beer-battered, Buffalo-style haddock fish fry, calling it one of the best in the city. Still hungry? OK, head over to the Erie Canal Harbor Metro Rail stop to begin the rest of the crawl.

CLASSIC BUFFALO Food Crawl

DIGESTING ONE OF AMERICA'S GREAT FOOD TOWNS

BY ED HEALY



SWANNIE HOUSE



JIM'S STEAKOUT



TED'S HOT DOGS

LAFAYETTE BREWING CO.

Making your way up Main Street, take the Metro Rail to the Lafayette Square stop and head to the **Lafayette Brewing Company** (391 Washington St. / lafbrewco.com) for a mouthwateringly delicious beef on weck slider. Located inside the architectural splendor of The Hotel @ the Lafayette, the Lafayette Brewing Company serves a tasty version of one of the great American sandwiches: thinly sliced roast beef piled high on a kimmelweck roll accompanied by plenty of horseradish.

PRIMA PIZZA PASTA

Jump back on the Metro Rail and head to the Fountain Plaza stop near Chippewa Street for the next leg of your journey. Prima is a little slice of heaven. Sorry thin crust. No disrespect deep dish. Buffalo-style pizza is just right — a hefty, but not too heavy base supports plenty of tomato sauce and generous toppings of mozzarella and pepperoni. When in downtown, Prima Pizza (396 Pearl St. / primapizzapasta.com) is the go-to place for a pie.

JIM'S STEAKOUT

Your next stop is **Jim's Steakout** (92 W. Chippewa St. / jimssteakout.com). Many late nights on the Buffalo bar scene have ended at one of Jim's locations scattered throughout Buffalo. Why? A chicken finger sub, of course. Served hot, medium or mild, this traditional Buffalo sub has been the finger licking culmination to a night on the town for generations of Buffalonians. Is the chicken finger sub good for what might be ailing you? There's only one way to find out.

TED'S HOT DOGS

Our final stop is another staple of the Buffalo food pyramid — charbroiled hot dogs — served by one of the city's truly legendary dining establishments, **Ted's** (124 W. Chippewa St. / tedshotdogs.com). For more than 90 years, Ted's has grilled its franks over a bed of glowing hardwood charcoal, infusing them with an irresistible smoky tang.

5 TO TRY

DINNER

CHRISTA GLENNIE SEYCHEW

Having a truly memorable dining experience is never just about the food. Often your dining companions, mood, service — heck, even the weather — contribute to the affair. With that in mind, the criteria I'll apply for sharing this, a list of my five current faves for eating, drinking, or hanging out, is simple: great food and, if not perfect, at least earnest service.



MARBLE + RYE

1 LAS PUERTAS

Las Puertas is my favorite place to eat right now, and it's also my favorite place to take people, and to point visiting press toward. A young chef from Mexico by way of a French culinary school in Montreal who decides to open a chic little restaurant on Buffalo's West Side is a story that may seem far-fetched, or even like a lot of hype, to outsiders. And then you eat there. And you don't care about the story or how chic the damn place is. The service and the food surpass any expectations one might have, no matter how much or how little they know about the James Beard Award-nominated chef, his staff, or this tiny little haunt. 385 Rhode Island St., Buffalo laspuertas-buffalo.com

2 MARBLE + RYE

Marble + Rye is my go-to when I am either famished or celebrating. I guess that means it offers me both comfort and joy. The menu is rife with many beautiful and delicious small plates, a houseground burger (which I'm addicted to), a handmade pasta program that makes you weep over all the bad pasta you've unwittingly consumed in your lifetime, and cocktails, cocktails, cocktails. Not to mention the chef's sensitivity to the seasons and hyperfocus on sourcing. Marble + Rye has been open a couple of years, but it's proven to just get better with time. 112 Genesee St., Buffalo marbleandrye.net

3 755 RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Feasting with friends seems like it should call for some sort of occasion, but why wait? Every day we are alive is an occasion! Niagara Falls' 755 Restaurant & Lounge is the perfect location for a friendly feast. The menu illustrates a restaurant trying to please all the people all the time, and who can blame them? They're in Niagara Falls! But if you're wise and stick to its

home-style Lebanese dishes, you'll have a meal you and your fellow diners aren't likely to soon forget. If you're like me, you'll spend the next week wishing you could eat at 755 again, so save yourself a bit of regret and remember to place a large to-go order before you leave. 755 West Market St., Niagara Falls, NY 755westmarket.com

4 99 FAST FOOD

My daughters and I have been eating at 99 Fast Food since they were little. Some people call it Pho 99, or just 99, but no matter its moniker, the most reliably delicious pho and sundry other Thai/Vietnamese delights await inside this Bailey Avenue diner. Casual, cheap, and always delicious, it's hard to deny the validity of any business that's soothed your soul for nearly two decades. Be sure to make liberal use of the condiments on each table, and don't skip out on the chilled Vietnamese coffee. 3396 Bailey Ave., Buffalo 99fastfood.com

5 LLOYD TACO FACTORY

As a family, we eat at Lloyd Taco Factory at least once a week. Where else can you get fast service, a variety of boldly flavored, wildly delicious scratch-made fare that uses the highest quality ingredients (many of which are local), and a craft cocktail six days a week? I love the burritos and tacos, obvi (Wu Tang Chicken FTW!). There's also a beet salad with pickled, fresh, and roasted beets, and deep-fried spheres of gooey chèvre. Not to mention the crunchy eggrolls stuffed with warm cheese and locally-grown Flat #12 mushrooms. It's so affordable for the quality, and it's always, always good. Really, we eat here so often my kids could fill in when a staffer calls in sick. 1503 Hertel Ave., Buffalo whereslloyd.com

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FIND BUFFALO'S BEAT IN ITS **BEST MUSIC VENUES**

BY MICHAEL FARRELL

What is the sound of Buffalo? Is it the anthemic rock guitar solos that echo from car stereos and keg parties? Is it the jazz, blues or funk formulated by homegrown musicians? Is it the wild punk and hardcore that embodies a blue-collar city's clenched fists and stiff upper lip? It's all of it, crafted in ample doses, and served inside some of the liveliest and most distinctive venues that music fans can hope to find. Do you want to feel the sound of Buffalo? Start here.

ASBURY HALL/ 9TH WARD @ BABEVILLE

Set in a converted church and owned by Buffalo-born singer Ani DiFranco, the two-tiered venue — with Asbury upstairs and the 9th Ward downstairs — is an angelic destination for musicians and fans.

Notable visits: Modest Mouse, St. Vincent
341 Delaware Ave. » babevillebuffalo.com

BUFFALO IRON WORKS

Take an early-1900s factory space, strip it to the beams for acoustics, then convert it into a killer performance space inside Buffalo's Cobblestone District for jam bands, tribute acts and ensembles of all kinds. It's the perfect venue to meet both old and new Buffalo.

Notable visits: Leon Russell, Sloan
49 Illinois St. » buffaloironworks.com

MOHAWK PLACE

Grungy and glorious Mohawk refuses to fade away. Left for dead in 2013, it was revived to continue its role as a backdrop for the city's finest rock, punk and hardcore, and host to touring acts en route to bigger things.

Notable visits: My Morning Jacket, The White Stripes

47 E. Mohawk St. » buffalosmohawkplace.com

NIETZSCHE'S

Mardi Gras masks on the walls. Signatures scrawled on the ceiling. Genre-defying music everywhere. Guests can count on enjoying it all while immersed in the eclectic vibe of Allentown's philosopher-inspired club.

Notable visits: Ani DiFranco, Phish
248 Allen St. » nietzsches.com



SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN

KC KRATT

PAUSA ART HOUSE

PAUSA — set inside a nondescript Allentown house just around the corner from some of the city's most colorful barrooms — is a shelter from the typically amplified scene. It plays host to styles ranging from chamber music to jazz, folk and world music.

Notable visits: Bobby Millitello, John Lombardo & Mary Ramsey
19 Wadsworth St. » pausaarthouse.com

TRALF MUSIC HALL

Intimate enough for seated singer/songwriter shows, yet spacious enough to accommodate the sound of alt-rock impresarios and crunchy jam collectives, the Tralf initially surprises, yet always delivers.

Notable visits: Jason Isbell, Prince
622 Main St. » tralfmusic hall.com

Michael Farrell is a freelance writer and author whose second novel, When the Lights Go Out, was inspired by the Buffalo music scene.

SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN

Walk inside and you'll find a world-class honky-tonk that caters to the finest in local and touring alt-country, bluegrass and Americana, all in a small tavern setting that plays much bigger than its square footage. *Notable visits:* Junior Brown, The Bottle Rockets
326 Amherst St. » sportsmensbuffalo.com

TOWN BALLROOM

Nestled in the heart of the city's Theatre District, the Ballroom is a spacious, multi-tiered club that serves as downtown's preeminent host for visiting alt-rock tastemakers, millennial MacBook artists or Canadian guitar heroes. *Notable visits:* Father John Misty, The National
681 Main St. » townballroom.com



NIETZSCHE'S

BETTER GET IT IN YOUR SOUL



Saxophonist and bandleader **George Scott** has been a musician for more than 50 years. He's played in Toronto and with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra—but these gigs came years after he first fell into the embrace of the Queen City's historic **Colored Musicians Club** on Broadway.

"This place is one of the jewels of Buffalo," says Scott, who first walked into the cozy CMC at 13 years old and is now its president. "It's Buffalo history. We've had a cross-section of everyone who's been here, particularly if they were into the music. It's everybody's club."

Whether because of its first floor museum, or the Sunday night jam sessions in its speakeasy-style upstairs space where legends Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis once jammed, the CMC is an indispensable piece of the city's fabric. And George Scott has seen it all. *Why is this place so special for Buffalo's music community?*

George Scott: "Back in the day, this was the hub for musicians. Whether they were playing here or finishing a gig somewhere else, they ended up here — and you had crowds of people waiting outside just to catch a glimpse of who might come in here."

Is this the type of place that musicians feel like they can just come in and be themselves?

Scott: "When I was young guy, I would sit in between players who were old enough to be my grandfather, but they gave such guidance and knowledge. It's always been a nurturing place for young musicians to come here and learn."

Interview by Michael Farrell



NANCY J. PARISI

BY KAREN FASHANA

A museum dedicated solely to **wooden carousels**. The home where a **U.S. President** was sworn into office. **A vintage diner**. The only **metal kazoo factory** in North America.

No matter how you stumble upon some of Buffalo's most unique attractions, they can all be described in the same way: **unexpected**.

Tucked into what feels like every corner of our region is one hidden gem after another, just begging to be uncovered. So grab the car keys, a travel buddy and your sense of adventure before you head out to experience these anything-but-ordinary attractions in Buffalo.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT INAUGURAL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The presidential journey of Theodore Roosevelt began here, at the stately mansion of Ansley Wilcox, where the 26th President was sworn into office after the assassination of President William McKinley in 1901. This beautifully-restored Victorian home provides an immersive experience that puts visitors right back into that momentous day in American history.

trssite.org

STEEL PLANT MUSEUM

Built upon the foundation of the steel industry, Buffalo's economy took shape in the early 20th century – thanks to Bethlehem Steel, the world's largest steel plant at the time. Today, this small but mighty museum pays tribute to the local steel industry and the tens of thousands of locals it employed during American steel's heyday.

Insider Tip: Time your visit to coincide with the annual Steelfest event that takes place every September.

steelplantmuseumwny.org



SWAN STREET DINER

LARKIN DEVELOPMENT GROUP

SWAN STREET DINER

A vintage diner has found a new home in Buffalo's ever-changing Larkinville neighborhood. This lovingly restored 1937 dining car cooks up nostalgic fare: think meatloaf melts and strawberry milkshakes, with a side of contemporary panache. The diner's custom artwork inside and out complements its overall vintage vibe. Whether you stop in for breakfast or lunch, start your meal with an order of the mini donuts and sample the sugary trifecta – cinnamon, glazed and powdered sugar.

swanstreetdiner.com

KAZOO FACTORY & MUSEUM

This quaint factory once churned out one million metal kazooos every year. Today, it's a working museum that highlights the history of the kazoo and the step-by-step manufacturing process. While you keep in tune with the tour, remember that neither the process nor the machines have changed since 1916! A stroll through their eclectic gift shop is the perfect way to round out your visit to this hidden gem.

edenkazoo.com

FOUNDING FATHERS PUB

Pay homage to America's commanders-in-chief by stopping in for a pour at one of the city's favorite watering holes. The walls of this 1847 building are bursting at the seams with history of the highest office in the land. Think you're a know-it-all? Prove it! The pub hosts Trivia Night the first Tuesday of every month, not to mention that the man behind the bar may dole out some questions of his own on any given evening. Oh, and don't forget about the free nachos and popcorn available every day – that should make your decision an easy one.

foundingfatherspub.com

HERSCHELL CARROUSEL FACTORY MUSEUM

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this century-old, factory-turned-museum produced hand-carved wooden carousels with striking detail and craftsmanship during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Today, the museum is open April-December and features interactive exhibits and wooden carousels that are ready to ride. It really is the perfect excursion for visitors full of wonder – of any age.

carrouselmuseum.org

5 TO TRY

CRAFT COCKTAILS

PAT SANDORA-NASTYN

1 THE DAPPER GOOSE

Award-winning cocktails and a family-like staff make this Black Rock bar and restaurant one of the city's best. Try the "Broken Garden Tools" for a celery-and-parsley-flavored drink you've probably never had before.
491 Amherst St., Buffalo
thedappergoose.com

2 LUCKY DAY WHISKEY BAR

The sound of jazzy live music, the detail of the interior woodwork and a warm cozy feel, Lucky Day is downtown's speakeasy. The wall of more than 500 variations of whiskey, bourbon, rye, and scotch can leave you feeling...intimidated. But never fear, the knowledgeable staff will craft the perfect drink for your tastes.
320 Pearl St., Buffalo
luckydaywhiskeybar.com

3 ANGELICA TEA ROOM

A traditional concept with a modern and whimsical twist, Angelica Tea Room offers enchanting libations with décor to match. Daily happy hour specials and yummy tea sandwiches and snacks make this a delightful spot for both locals and visitors.
517 Washington St., Buffalo
angelicatearoom.com

4 BILLY CLUB

Sleek and chic, this Allentown gem is the perfect place to sip a drink and people watch. Try one of their signature concoctions—like the "Buck Wild" made with their own loganberry liqueur—or ask the friendly bartenders to mix you up something special.
228 Allen St., Buffalo
billyclubbuffalo.com

5 BALLYHOO

Located near the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino, RiverWorks and the KeyBank Center, Ballyhoo is the perfect place for before- or after-event drinks. A cross between a tiki bar and classic dive, the bar's motto of "not that fancy" means all are welcome.
211 South Park Ave., Buffalo
buffaloballyhoo.com

RHEA ANNA

HERSCHELL
CARROUSEL
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Pat Sandora-Nastyn is the owner and creative producer at PSN Creative, and one half of BillyandPatvlog on YouTube.

All the City's a STAGE

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In the coldest of winters, an actual ice bridge forms between the U.S. and Canada, linking our countries in a truly magical way. If it's not on your bucket list, it should be.

Inside Scoop

Buffalo is a hotbed of cool treats. Off-the-wall concoctions created by Buffalo's newest ice cream entrepreneurs can be found around the corner from classic shops that evoke the golden age of banana splits and roadside stands featuring the freshest frozen custard. For a guide to Buffalo's ice cream scene, check out visitbuffaloniagara.com/icecream



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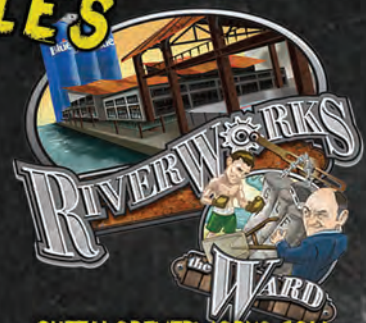
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A WELL-DESIGNED DESTINATION



Sample the small-town charm and hip amenities in eclectic East Aurora

BY KAREN HEALY

A STROLL ALONG MAIN STREET IN EAST AURORA AT FIRST FEELS LIKE A STEP BACK IN TIME.

A movie theater with a vintage marquee sits across the street from a huge five-and-dime store with a red striped awning. An elegant post clock adds to the air of classic Americana. But a closer look behind the quaint storefronts and general sense of small town coziness reveals the amenities of a hip urban neighborhood featuring excellent coffee shops and restaurants, high end stores and boutiques, walkability and craft beer.



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SCHOOLHOUSE GALLERY



Anchoring this charming village is the National Historic Landmark **Roycroft Campus**, the tree-shaded birthplace of the American Arts and Crafts Movement. Founded by an All-American eccentric named Elbert Hubbard, the Roycroft Guild produced handcrafted furniture, stained glass, books, copper and leather goods for nearly half a century beginning in the 1890s. After a period of decline, the campus, which includes the 28-room Roycroft Inn, has undergone a dramatic restoration and revival. Tours, workshops and the Copper Shop Gallery, which carries crafts, furniture, jewelry and art from craft artists around the country, make this a must see for lovers of fine design and old school craftsmanship.

East Aurora's history of artisanal excellence has inspired a new generation of craftspeople, entrepreneurs and shopkeepers. Shoppers will find handcrafted wood pieces and more at **Rowandale Farms Artisan Center**. **The Painted House** carries hand-painted furniture and gift items. Just outside of town, you'll find the **Schoolhouse Gallery** (yes, it really was a one-room schoolhouse circa 1850!) selling custom-designed furniture, lamps and picture frames of Thomas Pafk and other Roycroft Renaissance artisans.

Even the new **42 North Brewery** in the heart of the village celebrates the East Aurora way: its interior was fashioned by local artisans using wood and bricks reclaimed from the partial deconstruction of the H.H. Richardson-designed State

Hospital in nearby Buffalo. Order an Asylum Robust Porter and toast their good taste!

Contemporary East Aurora has become a haven for foodies who look for locally-sourced ingredients and creative menus. That's just what you'll find at **Elm Street Bakery**, where eclectic dishes are served for breakfast, lunch and dinner. (Try the blueberry muffins...they're amazing!).

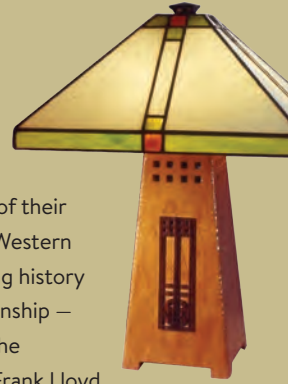
For the quintessential East Aurora experience, stop at **Vidler's 5 & 10**. (You can't miss it: it's the building with the statue of Ed Vidler perched on the roof — East Aurora's very own Vidler on the roof!). This 5 & 10 store has been selling an astonishing assortment of sundries since 1930. Where else can you find malted milk balls, back scratchers, tin signs, garden gnomes and Gumby key chains all in the same place?

To complete your visit in this quirky small town, head outdoors. East Aurora is nestled in gently rolling countryside and home to several beautiful parks and preserves. **Beaver Meadow Audubon Center** and **Knox Farm State Park** offer a combined 900 acres of hiking, biking, and walking trails. After all the great food and beer (and muffins, don't forget the muffins!) you've sampled, you'll want to get a little exercise!

Delicious food, great beer, natural beauty, a National Historic Landmark — it's all here in eclectic East Aurora!

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— Gerald Mead



NEW FOR 2018: **THE BORDERLAND FESTIVAL**

The inaugural **Borderland Festival** will celebrate the rich history and renaissance of the Buffalo region's artisan culture. The festival will showcase the best of Buffalo's music, food and art in one of the most pastoral and scenic venues in the region, Knox Farm State Park. Festivalgoers can expect an eclectic

experience that celebrates the region's culture, surrounded by a diverse line-up of regional and national music acts. This two-day celebration is scheduled for September 22-23, 2018. For more information, visit borderlandfestival.com.

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Purchase a \$5-day pass at the Buffalo Metropolitan Transportation Center on Ellicott Street, head out to North Division and Ellicott to pick up the No. 20 (buses run between 15 and 30 minutes apart depending on the time of day). Get on and off to your heart's content. Or, hop on the bus from anywhere along Elmwood Avenue for a \$2 one-way fare. Here are some of the top spots to visit, organized by stops along the route:

BY BRIAN HAYDEN



DREW BROWN

NORTH ST.

This presidential-themed stop includes the **Karpeles Manuscript Museum**, which includes a collection of presidential portraits from Washington to Reagan. A short walk away is the **Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site**, one of only four sites outside the nation's capital where a U.S. President took the oath of office.



NIAGARA SQUARE

At 32 stories tall, Buffalo's Art Deco **City Hall** dominates this public square in the heart of downtown. Head to the observation deck on its 28th floor for stunning views, or take a free tour of the building offered every weekday at noon from the lobby.

ELMWOOD AVE.



SUZANNE SHATZEL

ALLEN ST.

This stop drops you in the middle of **Allentown**, Buffalo's creative quarter filled with bars, restaurants, shops, cafes and public art. Grab a jalapeno-and-peanut butter burger and a craft beer at **Allen Burger Venture**, then listen in at **Nietzsche's**, which has live music every night of the week.

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Cheers! You're a stone's throw from the Elmwood Village's first brewery, the three-story **Thin Man Brewing Co.**; **Joe's Deli** and **Mythos**, one of Buffalo's many storied Greek family restaurants.



PETER CAHLSTADT



NIAGARA SQUARE

WEST CHIPPEWA ST.

Why not start with dessert? **The Chocolate Bar**, just steps away from Elmwood features one of Buffalo's best selections of confections. Wander among the collection of **bars, restaurants and clubs** lining this hub of downtown's nightlife scene.



RHEA ANNA



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BIDWELL PKWY.

Home to the city's largest Saturday **farmer's market** and a **weekly summer concert series**, the heart of the Elmwood Village beats within the Frederick Law Olmsted designed Bidwell Parkway. Buy a book from **Talking Leaves**, grab a cup of coffee or a carafe of wine from **Caffe Aroma**, sit on its patio and enjoy Olmsted's vision of a city within a park.



UNION STUDIO

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You're a five-minute walk from the National Historic Landmark that embodies the rebirth of Buffalo, the **Richardson Olmsted Campus**, home to the 88-room **Hotel Henry**, **100 Acres** restaurant and the soon-to-open **Lipsev Architecture Center of Buffalo**.



ED HEALY



NANCY J. PARISI

W. FERRY ST.

This bus stop is at the beginning of one of the busiest stretches in the Elmwood Village, with bustling boutiques like **Thin Ice** and **Fern + Arrow**; two of Buffalo's famous purveyors of sponge candy, **Fowler's** and **Watson's**; and the ever-popular **Spot Coffee** among places to sip, shop and savor. **The Peddler** flea market operates seasonally from a parking lot on this corner on Saturday mornings, and **Campus Wheelworks** leads seasonal weekly bike tours from its storefront on Tuesday nights.



BUFFALO HISTORY MUSEUM

NOTTINGHAM TERR.

The **Buffalo History Museum** is the only remaining building from Buffalo's storied Pan-American Exposition in 1901 and features the new *Icons: The Makers and Moments of Buffalo Sports* exhibit. Buffalo's **Japanese Garden**, home to the city's annual **Cherry Blossom Festival** each spring, is just behind the museum.

BIKING BUFFALO

Get out of the confines of the car, breathe to the beat of the streets, listen to the surrounding sounds, give a good-neighboring nod to people you pass. Buffalo by bike is a feast for the senses. Buffalo's more than 150 miles of new bike lanes includes the **Queen City Bike Ferry** that connects Canalside with an extensive network of trails on the Outer Harbor. If you're visiting Buffalo and want to see it by bike, grab one of the 200 Reddy bikes found at dozens of stations around Buffalo.

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A CITY WITHIN A PARK

BUFFALO CELEBRATES THE LASTING LEGACY OF FREDERICK LAW OLNSTED

TERRY CERVI

BY SALLY CUNNINGHAM

When you're in Buffalo, you walk in the footsteps of the great landscape architect **Frederick Law Olmsted**. When you bike around the Ring Road in **Delaware Park**, when you watch children splashing in the wading pool at **Martin Luther King, Jr. Park**, or when you head out for a summer evening of **Shakespeare in the Park**, you're in Olmsted's terrain. If your passions take you to the Botanical Gardens, or you visit the **Albright-Knox** or **Burchfield Penney** art museums, take a boat ride on Hoyt Lake or wander through the **Japanese Garden** at the foot of the **History Museum** — it was Olmsted who made it possible.

In 1868, Olmsted and his partner, Calvert Vaux, conceived of the first city-wide park and parkway system in the entire country. The Olmsted firm's vision included a system of six major parks and traffic circles, linked by pretty parkways.

Today, the Olmsted Parks and boulevards provide the setting for Buffalo events year-round. In spring tourists flock to the **Cherry Blossom Festival** in the Japanese Garden, soon followed by a dazzling display of color in the **Delaware Park Rose Garden** where 33 rose beds overflow with thousands of blooms. Summer includes festivals, races, farmers' markets, elegant galas

at the **Botanical Gardens** and concerts by the **Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra**. People picnic in the parks, and fortunate diners gaze over **Hoyt Lake** — complete with colorful boats and fountain — while at the **Terrace** restaurant in the **Marcy Casino**.

Buffalo's Olmsted Park System serves Buffalo's citizens and visitors better than F.L.O. could have possibly imagined. On this 150th anniversary of his achievement, we celebrate his genius with gratitude.

For a complete guide to Buffalo's Olmsted Parks and 150th anniversary activities, visit bfloparks.org.



DELAWARE PARK › Rowboats line Hoyt Lake in Buffalo's largest park against the backdrop of The Buffalo History Museum.

Blooming

It's quite a surprise when most people hear about it for the first time, but thousands of garden tourists know this to be true: Buffalo is home to the largest and most compelling garden tourism event in all of North America – **Garden Walk Buffalo**. Every summer, on the last two-day weekend in July, more than 400 private gardens show their amazing flowers, quirky art, and over-the-top garden designs – for free – to some 60,000 visitors. Featured in hundreds of magazines, newspapers and blogs, Garden Walk is one the marquee events in a city that is blossoming once again.

Garden Walk Buffalo began 24 years ago when 29 neighbors decided to spruce up their block and share their gardens



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with the public. From this modest seed, a garden culture has blossomed and an entire city neighborhood has been reborn.

Inspired by Garden Walk, Buffalo's garden-oriented events have spread throughout the summer. **Open Gardens**, modeled after the longtime tradition in the U.K. of "leaving the latch off the garden gate," offers some 70 gardens to view on Thursdays and Fridays during the month of July. There are also 14 smaller scale garden tours that run from June through August, making our region one of the most exciting and photo-worthy garden destinations imaginable. Consider yourself invited to visit Buffalo and see the flowers!

– Sally Cunningham

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JIM CHARLIER

The new *Icons* exhibit on display at **The Buffalo History Museum** puts you face-to-face with a lifetime's worth of Buffalo sports memories and the cast of characters that made them all possible. It's more than memorabilia in glass cases. It's a collection of sacred relics.

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BY JAY JOSKER

This thing hits you before you even reach the top of the stairs. Somewhere, in the back you can hear Rick Jeanneret's **Buffalo Sabres** play-by-play call. The echo of his voice through the room mixed with the ambient crowd noise from the exhibits had me reliving some of the most famous Buffalo sports moments. Part of me expected to turn the corner and see Rick high above the arena looking down on the action, headphones on, yelling one of his famous catchphrases. I wasn't looking

at artifacts from an unfamiliar time or place. I was experiencing the moments all over again.

Seeing **Buffalo Bandits** legend John Tavares score his record-breaking goal or former Sabre Chris Drury tie game five against the Rangers with seven seconds left still raises the hair on the back of my neck. The big moments surround you and the effect of the exhibit leaves you feeling like you're right there.

There is so much to love about the *Icons* exhibit. An interactive booth lets you call the play-by-play of big moments in Buffalo sports. A vertical leap test measures what kind of hops you have. Of course, it's got the requisite jerseys and helmets, but it's also got the actual swords the Sabres had made to commemorate the birth of the team, and the protective mask Pat LaFontaine wore after he broke his jaw.





The best part about the exhibit isn't just about the big names and big moments. It made room for the bit players too. I never thought I would see the jersey of my all-time favorite **Buffalo Bill**, Henry Jones, but there it was, front and center. And the high-lights don't stop with Drury's goal or Maxim Afinogenov's game-winning goal and Superman dive across the ice. While watching all of this you get to notice things you might not have caught before, like how Rick Jeanneret and Jim Lorentz, in some of the biggest moments, remained quiet and let fans soak it all up, or the

ease with which Tavares notched that goal and the relief on his face as he raised his arms in celebration. It's all so, so good. It's all of our favorite things about sports, regardless of what team you root for.



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– Marcene Robinson

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The gorge requires some exertion, but for travelers who enjoy a side of solitude and tranquility along with the legendary main course, it's more than worth the effort.

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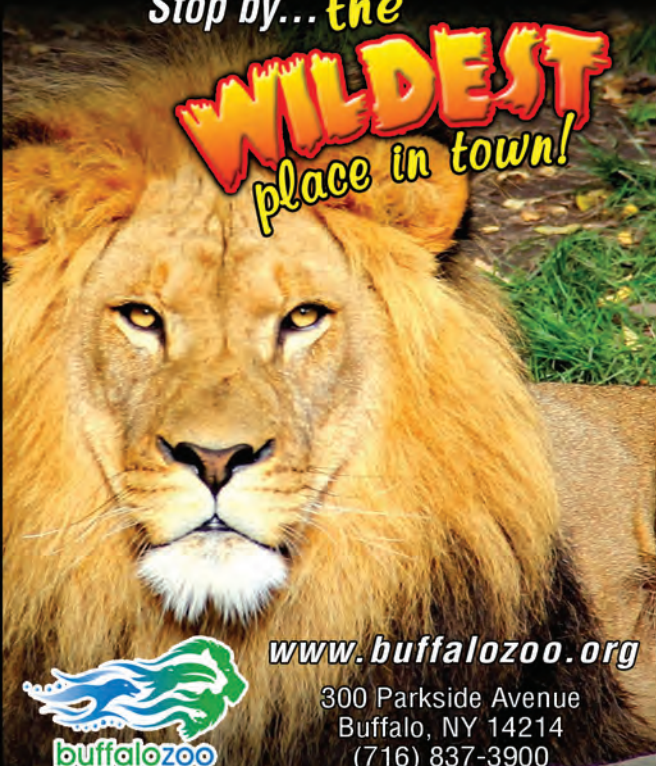
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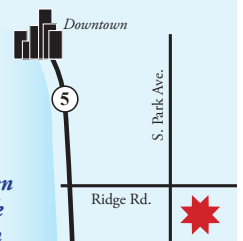
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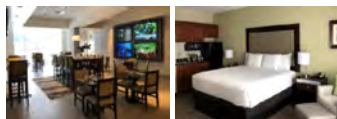
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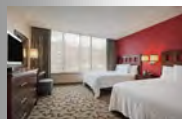


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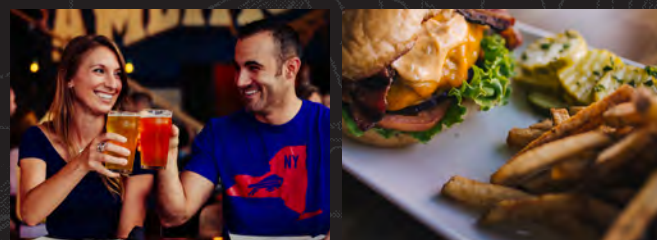


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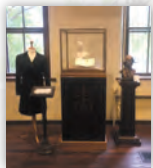
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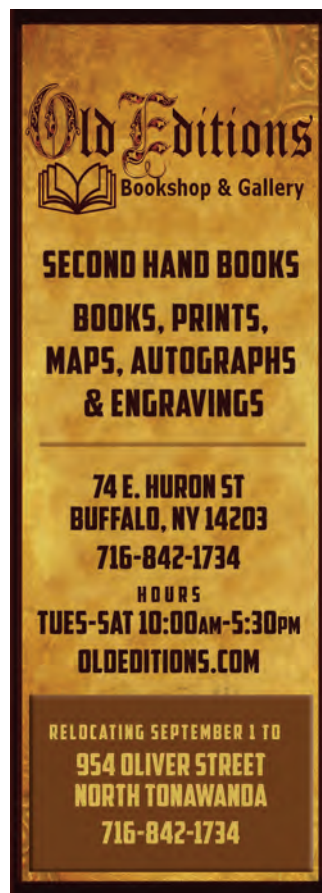
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Listening is worth it.

Buffalo came of age in the late 19th century as the western terminus of the Erie Canal. This position brought wealth, culture and beautiful old bones. That includes parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, buildings by Frank Lloyd Wright, H. H. Richardson and Louis Sullivan and an implicit understanding that theater, art and music matter and must be nurtured.

And it's cheap. I often see cutting-edge shows at half the price I'd pay in fancier cities. I rarely stand in line or wait in traffic. Silo City is among the coolest places I've ever seen a show — and I've seen shows at bunkers in Berlin and in ruins in Jerusalem.

Hardship brings wisdom, humility and kindness; Buffalo and her residents have these traits in abundance. It's a place where people care about neighbors, where they'll bring you soup during a snowstorm and mow your lawn if you are not well. You don't even have to ask.

Buffalo tells her stories in unassuming, surprising and often intimate ways. I was buying fruit

years ago at a local orchard when I learned it was a stop on the Underground Railroad. Our library has the original copy of Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn*. I visit it for free; often I am the only one in the room.

Buffalo also has water. And wind. And weather. The confluence of the three and Niagara Falls, just 20 minutes away, inspire me and make me aware of time. Summer means kayaks and bikes and sailboats. I have friends who sail to Toronto for dinner. My 15-year-old son and his friends ride their bikes to Canada to go to the beach. Fall means foliage. In winter, we ski.

"I love Buffalo for her secrets."

There is a sense of wonder, fear and muted glee as the city gears up for the first big storm. When it hits, the city quiets; it's like suddenly being inside a black and white film. Time stops. School and work disappear. Outside pressures vanish. Families and neighbors gather around fireplaces, make hot chocolate, drink wine, shovel snow and talk.

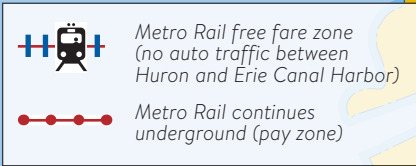
Outsiders pity us. But, we relish these sacred moments.

We also have among the best snow crews in the world. I feel safer in Buffalo during a snowstorm than anywhere else in the world, except perhaps Finland. For decades, Buffalo snow has given us a bad reputation nationally, but it's also connected us. It's no wonder we have some of the best sports fans in the nation.

Ostentatious cities buzz and tempt visitors with adrenaline and obvious appeal. I love Buffalo for her understatement, her soft underbelly and her secrets. She's worth getting to know.

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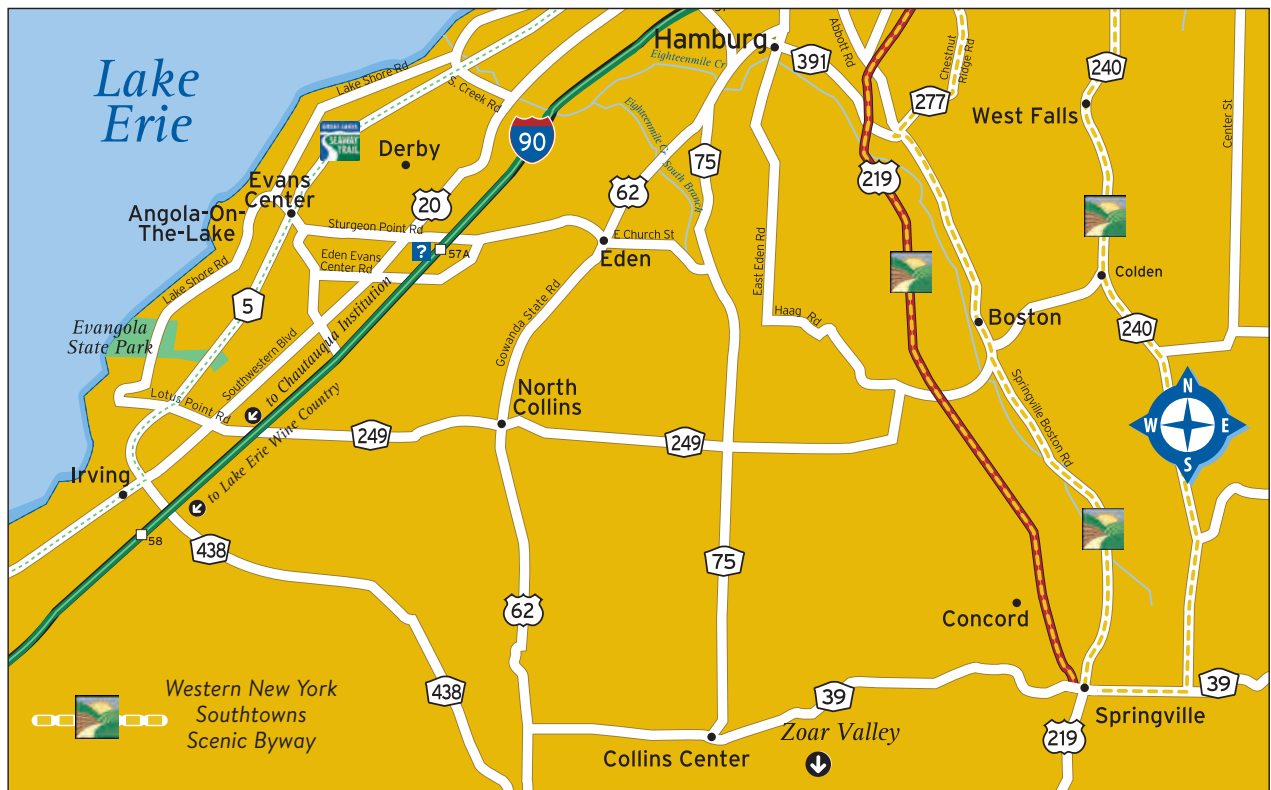
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NIAGARA FALLS



SOUTHERN ERIE COUNTY





This is a detailed road map of Buffalo, New York, and its surrounding areas. The map shows the city of Buffalo, including neighborhoods like Tonawanda, Cheektowaga, and West Seneca. It also shows the Niagara River, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario. Major highways like I-190, I-19, and I-190 are clearly marked. The map includes a compass rose and a scale bar. An inset map shows the Buffalo area in relation to the surrounding region.

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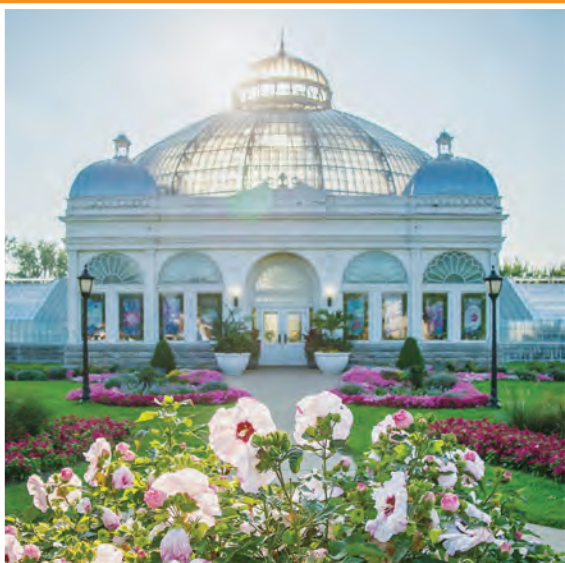
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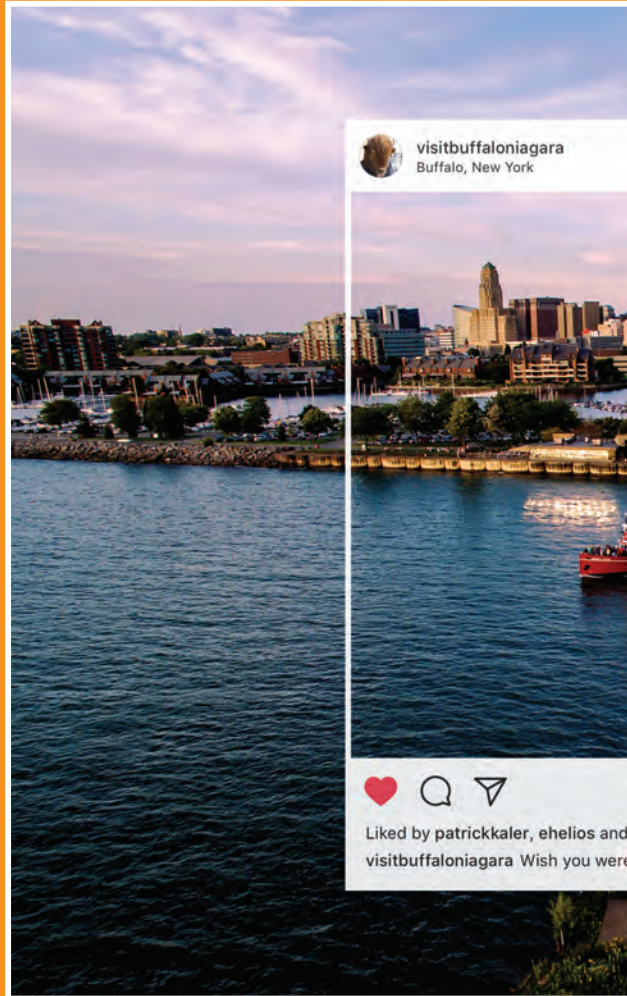
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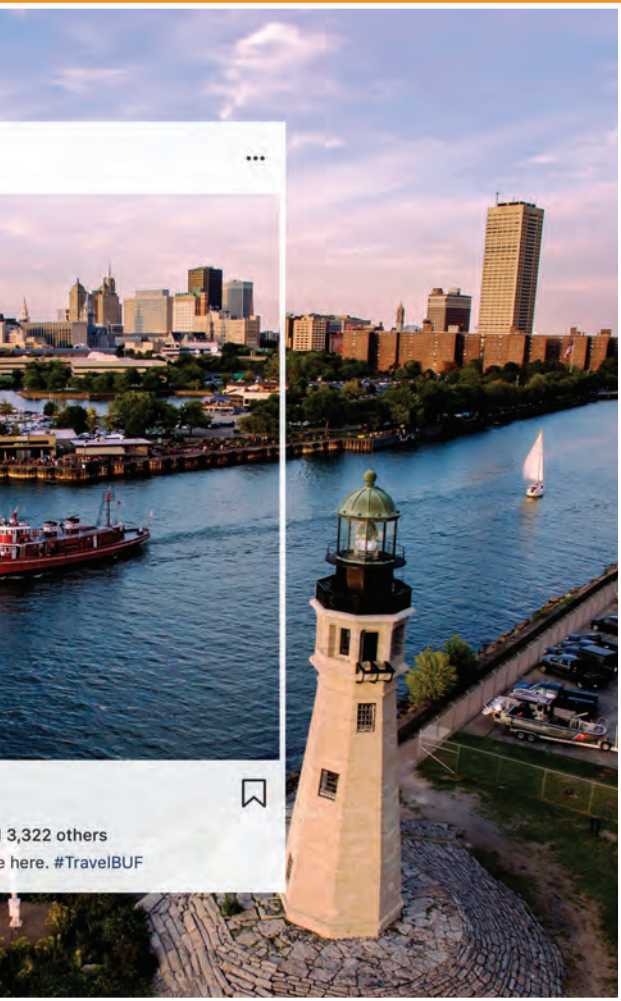
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