

# URBAN TIMES

Updates from our agency and local community groups



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## Share Your Stories!

We're looking to share news and upcoming events from our local partners and community groups.

Are you affiliated with a community group in the Broadway-Fillmore neighborhood?

Want to include a story in our next issue?

Contact Sarah Maurer via email at [smaurer@urbanctr.org](mailto:smaurer@urbanctr.org) or (716) 893-7222 x 232 with story idea and photos.



## CELEBRATE SPRING WITH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **May 19, 2018** for the Greater East Side Fields of Dreams Block Club's annual neighborhood clean-up event. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers will meet at the corner of Paderewski Drive and Detroit Street. The groups sponsoring the event will provide clean-up supplies, food and beverages to volunteers.

Last year's clean-up was a huge success, bringing together volunteers, residents, and business to provide a clean, healthy and safe environment for the community in which we live, play and work. We're looking forward to another successful event this Spring!

The Block Club is still in need of volunteers to help with the clean-up event this year. Those interested in volunteering or sponsoring the event can contact Marva Threat, block club president, at 716-870-4043 or [mth1043938@aol.com](mailto:mth1043938@aol.com).



Volunteers from the 2017 Neighborhood Clean-Up event.

## THIS MONTH: BOWLING FUNDRAISER

The Greater East Side Fields of Dreams Block Club will host a bowling fundraiser on Saturday, **April 28, 2018** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Bowl-Inn Bowling Center, located at 727 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo. Tickets will be \$10.00 per

person and will include three bowling games, shoe rental, and a slice of pizza. There will also be raffles taking place at the event, including a 50/50 split, basket raffle, and a lottery tree. This will be an all ages event,

so bring your family. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling Marva Threat, block club president, at 716-870-4043 or at [www.greatereastsidefieldofdreamsblockclubassociationinc.com](http://www.greatereastsidefieldofdreamsblockclubassociationinc.com).

# CELEBRATING DYNGUS DAY AT THE HOPE CENTER

The Matt Urban Center staff and volunteers celebrated another successful Dyngus Day earlier this month. We invited guests from the neighborhood and across the Buffalo region to “Do Good on Dyngus Day” by attending our party at the Matt Urban Hope Center. Guests enjoyed cold

beer, Polish food, and polka music and got a front row seat to watch the Dyngus Day parade as it made its way around Memorial Circle. All the while, they were helping us raise funds to support the Hope Center’s programs. Though Dyngus Day comes but once a year, our staff are

working hard here in the neighborhood every day to provide individuals and families with the resources they need. We thank all of our staff, volunteers and visitors for making our fundraiser a success!



Dyngus Day crowd at Hope Center party.



Volunteers at the Hope Center fundraiser.



Matt Urban staff marching in the parade.



Dylan & Dwayne waiting for parade to start.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MATT URBAN HOPE CENTER

### UB Community Health Fair

Saturday, April 21  
12:00-3:00 p.m.

Matt Urban is partnering with SUNY Buffalo to host a health fair featuring a variety of vendors, including UB Dental program, UB Pharmacy, pediatric services and physical therapy. The event will also feature genome, environment, and microbiome activities.

Guests can also enjoy free pizza and gift card raffles!

For more info, contact Dan at (716) 893-7222 x306 for more information.



2017 Community Health Fair

### Community Hub Event

Thursday, April 26 & Friday, May 31  
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Every third Thursday of the month, we host an event to link community members with service providers. Those who meet with providers will be entered to win a \$25 gift card.

Featured service providers include:

- BlueCross BlueShield of WNY
- BPS Adult Education
- UB Equal Opportunity Center
- Erie County Senior Services
- Evergreen Health Services
- Fallon Health Weinberg
- Fidelis Care
- Neighborhood Legal Services
- The Restoration Society
- United HealthCare
- The United Way CASH Coalition
- Child & Family Services

### Volunteer Orientations

Saturday, April 28  
10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Thursday, May 17  
12:00 –1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, May 26  
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Looking for a great volunteer experience? Come to an orientation session at the Hope Center and learn about upcoming opportunities. From serving meals to helping with events - there's something for everyone! Contact Mary Rachel at (716) 893-7222 x329 for more information.



Volunteers at the Urban Diner

# 2017 BLOCK CLUB RE-CAP

It was a busy year for the Block Club, our community residents and volunteers!

Our annual **Neighborhood Cleanup** brought together volunteers, residents, and business to provide a clean, healthy and safe environment for the Community in which we live, play and work. We're look-

ing forward to our next clean-up event this Spring!

Our **National Night Out** honored our Community Police Officers and our C-District Police whom we work together with to create a safe environment, and gave the community a chance to meet and greet one another along with music, fun activities, and food.

Our **School Book Bag Giveaway** helped several families in our neighborhood to have school supplies for their children.

Our **Turkey Basket Giveaway** helped to feed over 70 families in need in our community and around the East Side.



Musicians at National Night Out



Residents enjoy National Night Out



Councilman Franczyk & Marva Threat

## FIELDS OF DREAMS BLOCK CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

### Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, May 19, 2018  
10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Spring by sprucing up our neighborhood! Volunteers will meet at the corner of Paderewski Drive and Detroit Street.

Clean-up supplies, food and beverages will be provided to all volunteers.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Marva Threat, block club president, at 716-870-4043 or mth1043938@aol.com.



Volunteer at 2017 Cleanup Event

### National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7, 2018  
6:00 p.m.

Come out and help us to celebrate and honor our community police officers and C-District police.

We will be giving away school book bags, and prizes. There will be live entertainment, fun activities for adults and children. Food and beverages will be provided!

For more information, contact Marva Threat, block club president, at 716-870-4043 or mth1043938@aol.com.



National Night Out Event

### NEW THIS YEAR!

#### Toy Drive & Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 8, 2018

Join us as we celebrate the holidays by providing toys for children in need in our community.

For more information or to donate, contact Marva Threat, block club president, at 716-870-4043 or mth1043938@aol.com.

We are collaborating with the Matt Urban Hope Center on an After-School Program that helps children to improve on their math, reading, and other school subjects. We are providing an award for those children who work hard to improve their grades. We welcome volunteers who have a passion to help children.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Marva Threat, block club president, at 716-870-4043 or mth1043938@aol.com.

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## WHO WE ARE: MATT URBAN CENTER



*Lt. Col.*

**MATT URBAN**

*Human Services Center of Western New York*

*The Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of Western New York is a multi-purpose community center located on the East Side of Buffalo. For over 40 years, we have continued to serve all members of the community, from infants to seniors, from homeowners to the homeless.*

*Our mission is to provide programs that enhance the quality of life, preserve neighborhoods, and encourage economic development.*

*To learn more about what we do, visit our website at [www.urbanctr.org](http://www.urbanctr.org).*

## WHO WE ARE: FIELDS OF DREAMS BLOCK CLUB

*The Greater Eastside  
Fields of Dreams Block  
Club Association Inc.  
was formed in 2013 with-  
in a two-block radius of  
Coit and Detroit Street to  
create one voice on the  
issues that were affecting  
our neighborhood. It now  
encompasses 14 blocks.*

*Our purpose is to initiate  
and implement charitable  
programs beneficial to the  
community and to unite in*



Greater East Side Fields of Dreams Block Club, 2017

*an effort to improve the quality of life for our  
Families, Neighbors, and Businesses in the com-  
munities that we serve.*