

# URBAN TIMES

Updates from our agency and local community groups



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## Greater East Side Fields of Dreams Block Club



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## CELEBRATE DYNGUS DAY WITH US!

Are you planning on joining in the annual Dyngus Day festivities around Broadway-Fillmore after Easter? Make sure you stop in our Dyngus Day fundraiser party at the Matt Urban Hope Center! Admission is \$3 and all proceeds benefit the programs we provide in this community throughout the year. #DoGoodOnDyngusDay and come party for a good cause with us!

**Date:** Monday, April 22

**Time:** 3:00-10:00 p.m.

**Place:** 385 Paderewski Drive

To volunteer or make a donation, contact Sarah Maurer at (716) 893-7222 x232.

We hope to see you there!



## SENIOR SERVICES WORKSHOP

Join The Matt Urban Center and Journey's End Refugee Services for two FREE workshops on senior services programs.

Learn about programs available to help seniors (age 60 and older) stay in their homes and resources for families and caregivers.

We'll be sharing information on programs including HEAP, Medicaid, SNAP, Meals on Wheels, and more.

**Date:** Thursday, April 25  
**Time:** 11:00AM - 12:00PM & 5:30-6:30PM  
**Location:** 1081 Broadway, Buffalo, NY 14212

We will have Somali, Bengali, and Spanish interpreters present to assist our neighbors from those communities. Come learn more about the programs our Senior Services Department offers!

For more information, contact Michelle Holler at [mholler@jersbuffalo.org](mailto:mholler@jersbuffalo.org).

## OUR 2018 IMPACT

We're proud to share what our programs and staff have accomplished in the past year. Thanks to our funders, community partners and supporters for helping us do this work!

**5,414** ONE-WAY TRIPS PROVIDED TO SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO

THE **MATT URBAN**  
**Human Services**  
CENTER OF WNY  
**2018**  
**BY THE NUMBERS**

**39**

Number of home repair grants provided to homeowners for health and safety repairs to their home

**89**

People placed in permanent supportive housing

**45**  
Housing units weatherized

**942**

Elderly clients were able to stay in their own residence (rather than moved to an assisted living facility)

**690**

Children served in free after-school, teen workforce and summer programs (including a healthy meal each day to all participants)

Number of homeless individuals housed by street outreach  
**188**

**671**

INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY THE EMERGENCY SHELTER

**2,214**  
CRIME VICTIMS (AND THEIR FAMILIES) ASSISTED

## FIELDS OF DREAMS BLOCK CLUB UPDATES



On April 2, the Harriet Ross Tubman held a pep rally for students taking state testing in grades 3-8.

Greater Eastside Fields of Dreams Block Club Association Inc. presented donations of 18 movies passes for most improved students and a family basket.

### YIMBY Festival:

On April 27, 2019 Yes in my backyard by Design for Sustainability will be held at the Old Kmart Building 998 Broadway from 10-4 pm. The greater Eastside fields of Dreams will be doing the sign in table.

Their will be an award of \$1,000 for the winner who gave the best design for the building.

### Neighborhood Cleanup:

Our annual Neighborhood Cleanup Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 10-1pm. (see flyer on back page) We are looking for volunteers, to come out and help and fellowship with the

community. We will provide lunch. We would like to thank some of our sponsors who have generously given to this event this year:

People Inc., Mr. Steven Halpern, Dr. Silverstein, Van Taylor Productions, Buffalo Museum of Science, Schuster Construction LLC, Fitness Institute & Pilates Studio, Joyelle Tedeschi, Brian K. Lewis Funeral Home and Sahlen Packing Company, Inc. and the Tool Library.

We would like to especially honor our block club members who selflessly give and give to help us make each and everyone of our events and our block club the best on the Eastside.

### City of Buffalo CDBG Meeting:

Greater Eastside Fields of Dreams went to Community Development Block Grants Annual Action Plan Round Table given at the Matt Urban Center to give input on what the community would like to see where the funds would go.

We gave insight on what funding could go to the existing community to help homeowners, seniors, and handicap to stay in their homes. We asked the question on what the city is planning on development for the Broadway Fillmore area. We made suggestions that community leaders, block clubs should be at the table for any plans for our community. We will continue to follow this

and keep you inform of any information that may benefit from this roundtable.

### Common Council Elections:

This is the First year all 9 common council seats are up for re-election and the Fillmore District Common Councilmember Dave Franczyk has retired after 30 plus years of service. We will now have a brand-new council member for the Fillmore District. Those who are in this district need to come out to primary in June and place your vote. Remember if you don't vote you have no voice to complain, if you want to see change in our community and district VOTE, VOTE, VOTE.

We continue to Build a Community by making our community safe, to improve the quality of life for our Families, Neighbors, and Business in the Communities that we serve.

Make sure to check out our Facebook page and website for our new community family events, block club meetings, and update news and information.

### Block Club Meetings:

All our welcome at our meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month from 2-4PM at the William- Emslie Family YMCA, 585 William Street, Buffalo, New York 14206.

## YIMBY FESTIVAL

Buffalo YIMBY is an intersection where block clubs, community organizations, change makers, and stake holders spread the word about their work, celebrate achievements, and identify new challenges as well as opportunities in an atmosphere focused on listening, learning, and engaging.

This year's Buffalo YIMBY festival, "Breaking Ground," will take place in our neighborhood at 998 Broadway! The event will feature keynote

speaker and PUSH Buffalo Executive Director, Rahwa Ghirmatzion.

Attendees will also have a chance to cast their vote in the design competition to determine the future use of 998 Broadway.

**Date:** Saturday, April 27 **Time:** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Place:** 998 Broadway

Check out the Facebook event page for more info!



# The Greater Eastside Fields of Dreams Block Club Associations Inc.

*WE NEED YOUR HELP*

## NeighborHood Clean up Saturday May 18, 2019



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**10 am to 1pm  
Meet at The  
Corner of  
Detroit and  
Paderewski**