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## **ERIE COUNTY**

**POPULATION:** 928,901 (2018 est.)

Located on the shores of both Lake Erie and the Niagara River, Erie County is home to the city of Buffalo and several other towns, villages and municipalities. Buffalo is the second largest city in New York state, and we hope to continue to attract even more residents, as our city focuses on growing industries and creating opportunities, all while showcasing our natural beauty and historic charm. With a total metropolitan population of just around a quarter of a million, Buffalo has a small city feeling, while offering the cultural institutions, educational advantages and sports events of much larger urban areas. Combined with the other towns in Erie County and the surrounding Western New York area, we have your business, educational and social interests covered!





# ERIE COUNTY: CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES

Erie County 716-858-8500 www.erie.gov

**City of Buffalo** 716-851-4200 www.city-buffalo.com

Village of Akron 716-542-9636 www.erie.gov/akron

**Town of Alden** 716-937-6969 www.erie.gov/alden

Town of Amherst 716-631-7000 www.amherst.ny.us

Village of Angola 716-549-1126 www.villageofangola.org

Town of Aurora 716-652-7590 www.townofaurora.com

Village of Blasdell 716-822-1921 www.blasdell.org

**Town of Boston** 716-941-6113 www.townofboston.com

Town of Cheektowaga 716-686-3400 www.tocny.org

**Town of Clarence** 716-741-8930 www.erie.gov/clarence

**Town of Colden** 716-941-5012 www.townofcolden.com Town of Collins 716-532-4887 www.townofcollinsny.org

Town of Concord 716-592-4948 www.townofconcordny.com

Village of Depew 716-683-7451 www.villageofdepew.org

Village of East Aurora 716-652-6000 www.east-aurora.ny.us

Town of Eden 716-992-3408 www.edenny.org

Town of Elma 716-652-3260 www.elmanewyork.com

**Town of Evans** 716-549-8787 www.townofevans.org

Village of Gowanda 716-532-3353 www.villageofgowanda.com

**Town of Grand Island** 716-773-9600 www.grand-island.ny.us

**Town of Hamburg** 716-649-6111 www.townofhamburgny.com

Village of Hamburg 716-649-0200 www.villagehamburg.com

Village of Kenmore 716-873-5700 www.villageofkenmore.org **City of Lackawanna** 716-827-6464 www.lackawannany.gov

**Town of Lancaster** 716-683-1610 www.lancasterny.gov

Village of Lancaster 716-683-2105 www.lancastervillage.org

Town of Marilla 716-652-5350 www.townofmarilla.com

**Town of Orchard Park** 716-662-6400 www.orchardparkny.org

Village of Orchard Park 716-662-9327 www.orchardparkvillage.org

**Town of Cheektowaga** 716-686-3400 www.tocny.org

Village of Springville 716-592-4936 www.villageofspringvilleny.com

**City of Tonawanda** 716-695-1800 www.ci.tonawanda.ny.us

**Town of Tonawanda** 716-877-8800 www.tonawanda.ny.us

**Town of West Seneca** 716-674-5600 www.westseneca.net

Village of Williamsville 716-632-4120 www.walkablewilliamsville.com





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# **BUFFALO NEIGHBORHOODS**

#### **1. CANALSIDE**

The Erie Canal has a great historic significance to this area. It was our thriving connection to the Great Lakes, New York City, and beyond, during the mid to late 1800's. What was a business hub in those days, has been restored and revitalized for largely leisure purposes in the past decade or so, and it is only continuing to grow with each year. This waterfront area offers four seasons of often free, or low cost fun. From ice skating and ice biking on the Canal in the Winter, to concerts, games, exercise classes, kayaking and more in the Spring, Summer and Fall months. There is always something exciting to explore for kids and adults of all ages here.





#### **3. COBBLESTONE DISTRICT**

One of the areas with the greatest concentration of these revitalized historic structures is the Cobblestone District (named after the charmingly bumpy cobblestone streets.) Loft style apartments, offices, restaurant and entertainment venues abound. If hockey is your thing, you can catch a Sabres game (our local NHL team,) at the near by KeyBank Center. This is where most nationally touring recording artists perform as well. Across the street is HarborCenter- a fun, mixed use venue for sports, retail and entertainment. Rounding out the area for dynamic places to visit is RiverWorks, just across the Buffalo River, and utilizing our famous Buffalo grain elevators for modern purposes. Smaller concerts, even more hockey, roller derby, seasonal festivals and a restaurant and brewery, promise fun times for all, year round.

#### 2. CITY CENTER/BUSINESS DISTRICT

The "Downtown" core is where many of our local, national and international businesses have their main offices. We count ourselves lucky to have a wonderful mix of buildings from many architectural eras and styles. Our Art Deco-era City Hall is a true gem, and is just one of many treasures to be found in this area, including the Ellicott Square building, the Guaranty Building and the Old Post Office, now home to Erie Community College. There has been a new wave of converting many of these historic buildings to mixed use and residential properties, creating opportunities to live, work and play in the same neighborhood!







#### 5. BLACK ROCK/RIVERSIDE

Black Rock is located along the Black Rock Canal and was an independent and bustling waterfront town before incorporation with Buffalo in 1853. Riverside is just past Black Rock, where the canal meets the Niagara River. The abutting neighborhoods include both families who have called them home for generations, and newcomers - many immigrants and refugees, whom Buffalo welcomes. Niagara Street is experiencing a renaissance of its own with new mixeduse building renovations, loft apartments, breweries, and restaurants.

#### 4. ALLENTOWN

Allentown has a unique energy that stems from historic architecture, a strong artistic background, and passionate residents. It is not uncommon to find homes dating back to the late 1800's here. Art studios, bars and restaurants, and unique retail establishments, give this neighborhood an eclectic feel. A favorite event is the yearly Allentown Arts Festival in June that brings artists and craftsmen from the whole country. Smaller local tours and the monthly "First Friday" gallery walks showcase our local talents and spaces. The beautiful and historic "Theatre of Youth" puts on many family friendly productions throughout the year, and is a favorite field trip for many local schools.





#### 6. BUFFALO NIAGARA MEDICAL CAMPUS (BNMC)

At the foot of Allentown stands the new University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. This new building is the anchor to the growing Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC, for short.) World class hospitals, research and educational institutions, as well as a growing list of entrepreneurs, lend this area a sense of vibrancy and innovation. As we continue to attract talent from all over the globe, residential options have been increasing and expanding in the surrounding neighborhoods.



#### 7. DELAWARE DISTRICT

This area gains its name from Delaware Avenue, one of the city's larger cross streets, and home to many stately mansions constructed by the city's most prosperous families during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Many of the largest of these homes have been converted to businesses, nonprofit offices and multi-family residential units, though many wonderfully historic single family homes still populate the area. This area also encompasses Delaware Park, designed by the same architect as New York City's Central Park, Frederick Law Olmsted. The Park provides a hub for recreational activity for residents of Western New York. Soccer. tennis, golf, baseball, running and biking, as well as just the enjoyment of our natural surroundings, all take place within this local treasure



#### 9. ELMWOOD VILLAGE

As one of the city's more walkable neighborhoods, the Elmwood Village has a lot to offer. Densely populated with single and multiple family homes, many classic Victorian and Queen Anne style, among others- the Elmwood Village boasts a strong and dynamic sense of community. A bustling and ever changing retail and restaurant scene means there's always something to do. You can also find the weekly Farmer's Market, as well as community gatherings and concerts on the area's Bidwell Parkway. On a beautiful day in any season, you will find the streets crowded with walkers and cyclists of all ages, with something to attract just about everyone.



#### 8. EAST SIDE/HAMLIN PARK/HUMBOLDT

Home to many historic homes and houses of worship, as well as the once bustling Broadway Market, and Central Terminal, these areas have seen their fair share of change over the years. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, another Frederick Law Olmsted space with its popular wading and ice-skating pools, and the Buffalo Museum of Science of Science offer family friendly fun. Hamlin Park is the home of Canisius College, and was designated a local historic district in the 1990's, in an effort to preserve its historic charm and integrity. Both areas are seeing an increase in public and private investment to bring them closer to the vibrant communities for residents and businesses they once were.







#### 10. North Buffalo

Hertel Avenue has become the vibrant and bustling heart of the North Buffalo area. The strip offers a mix of established businesses, and up and coming ethnic and eclectic offerings. A wide range of food and retail shops, including many furniture, home decor and antique stores, provide a fun opportunity for browsing and enjoying some local cuisine. You can end your day taking in a film at the historic North Park Theater- lovingly restored to its 1920's splendor. There is a wide range of home styles available in this very desirable area.

#### 11. Parkside

This neighborhood bears the unique distinction of also having been designed by landscape architect Fredrick Law Olmsted, as it borders the eastern side of Delaware Park. Lots of old growth trees and wide streets make it a favorite for long walks, admiring the century old architecture. This area boasts many bungalow and Arts and Crafts style houses. The most famous of all the homes in this area is the Darwin D. Martin House, designed by world renowned architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. It's considered a prime example of his well-known Prairiestyle architecture. Also within walking distance, is the Buffalo Zoo, open year round to visitors.





#### **12. FRUIT BELT**

The Fruit Belt gets its name from the many orchards planted by its earliest residents. One of the city's oldest neighborhoods, many families have been there for generations. With the growth of the neighboring Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, this neighborhood has received renewed attention and an influx of development and residents.



#### 13. South Buffalo

South Buffalo shows off its pride in its historic Irish heritage in the street signs, shops and cultural centers, but it has grown in diversity over the years. Home to two additional Olmsted designed parks, Cazenovia and South Park and the beautiful Botanical Gardens. If you need more time in the natural world, head over to Tifft Nature Preserve- a popular urban woodland and wetlands.





#### 14. Waterfront Village

Close to Canalside and the Downtown business district, you will find this largely residential, and still expanding, area. Filled with townhomes, condominiums and apartments, you'll get some great views of the Niagara River from your window. You can take a stroll or bike ride around the Erie Basin Marina and the Naval Military Park, while enjoying the weather and a treat from one of the local restaurants and vendors.

#### 15. Larkin District

This growing neighborhood popped up from the redevelopment of the Larkin Terminal Warehouse (the original Larkin Soap Company Administration building was another Buffalo project designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Unfortunately, the original structure was demolished in 1950.) Many larger, industrial properties have been, and are continuing to be, converted into dynamic mixed use sites for both living and entertainment. This has become a hot spot for restaurants, concerts and other fun events, including the very popular "Food Truck Rodeo" currently held on Tuesday evenings in Spring and Summer.





# **BUFFALO NIAGARA MEDICAL CAMPUS**

The Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus is dynamic consortium of world-class hospitals and health care providers, exceptional education institutions, and innovative research facilities. Made up of ten members and surrounding neighborhoods, the Medical Campus is home to hundreds of physicians, clinicians, scientists, and researchers, many of whom are world-renowned in the practices of oncology, neurosurgery, immunology, vascular surgery, personalized medicine, cardiology, and beyond. BNMC's hospitals and clinics offer comprehensive care, research affiliations, and clinical trials.

### **Consortium institutions and organizations include:**

- The University at Buffalo Medical School
- Kaleida Health
- Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute
- Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center,

- Buffalo Medical Group
- Olmstead Center for Sight
- ConnectLife Blood & Organ Donor Network
- The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care
- Oishei Children's Hospital.



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# **BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Buffalo Public Schools system o he largest in the region - serves about 31,400 students through its public, charter, and speciality schools, with a broadly diverse student body that's representative of families from 45 countries who now call Buffalo Niagara home.

The Buffalo Public School District includes alternative schools such as Bennett Park Montessori, Emerson High School (culinary arts and hospitality industry programs), Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts, and City Honors School, which is consistently ranked among the top schools in the country by sources such as newsweek and U.S. News & World Report.

#### **Enrollment Requirements**

Families must provide the following documents to register new or returning students in Buffalo public schools:

- Two proofs of family residency:
  - NYS driver's / non-driver's license
  - Utility bill
  - Pay stub
  - Notice of Decision Statement from Erie County Department of Social Services
- Certified birth certificate which includes parent(s) name or I-94 card (including immigration Family Page)
- Up-to-date immunization record
- Latest report card (grades 1-8), official transcript (grades 9-12), and special education documents, if applicable
- Parent / legal guardian photo identification
- Legal guardianship or custody papers (if the child does not reside with the biological parent)
- Proof of physical examination within the last year (due to school within 30 days)





# PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

### **ERIE COUNTY**

Akron Central, 14001 www.akronschools.org

Alden Central, 14004 www.aldenschools.org

Amherst Central, 14226 www.amherstschools.org

Buffalo City Schools, 14202 www.buffaloschool.org

Cheektowaga-Maryvale Union Free, 14225 www.maryvale.wnyric.org

Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free, 14227 www.sloanschools.org

Cheektowaga Central, 14225 www.cheektowagacentral.org

Clarence Central, 14031 www.clarenceschool.org

Cleveland Hill Union Free, 14225 www.clevehill.wnyric.org

Depew Union Free, 14043 www.depewschool.org

### NIAGARA COUNTY

Barker Central, 14012 www.barkercsd.net

Lewiston-Porter Central, 14174 www.lew-port.com

Lockport City, 14094 www.lockportschools.org

Medina Central, 14203 www.medinacsd.org

Newfane Central, 14028 www.newfane.wnyric.org

Niagara-Wheatfield Central, 14304 www.nwcsd.k12.ny.us East Aurora Union Free, 14052 www.eastauroraschools.org

Eden Central, 14057 www.edencsd.org

Evans-Brant Central, 14006 (Lake Shore Central) www.lakeshore.wnyric.org

Frontier Central, 14075 www.frontier.wnyric.org

**Gowanda Central, 14070** www.gowcsd.org

Grand Island Central, 14072 www.k12.ginet.org

Hamburg Central, 14075 www.hamburgschools.org

Holland Central, 14080 www.holland.wnyric.org

**Iroquois Central, 14059** www.iroquoiscsd.org

Kenmore-Tonawanda, 14223 www.kenton.k12.ny.us Lackawanna City, 14218 www.lackawannaschools.org

Lancaster Schools, 14086 www.lancasterschools.org

North Collins Central, 14111 www. northcollins.com

Orchard Park Central, 14127 www.opschools.org

Springville-Griffith Institute, 14141 www.springvillegi.org

Sweet Home Central, 14228 www.shs.k12.ny.us

Tonawanda City, 14150 www.tonawandacsd.org

West Seneca Central, 14224 www.wscschools.org

Williamsville Central, 14051 www.williamsvillek12.org

Yorkshire-Pioneer Central, 14173 www.pioneerschools.org

Niagara Falls City, 14304 www.nfschools.net

North Tonawanda City, 14120 www.ntschools.org

Royalton-Hartland Central, 14105 www.royhart.org

Starpoint Central, 14094 www.starpointcsd.org

Wilson Central, 14172 www.wilson.wnyric.org





### **CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Within the Buffalo Niagara region, several charter schools serve students at all grade levels. Each of these schools offers a particular academic, pre-professional, or character-building focus in addition to the standard school curriculum. Charter schools are open to Buffalo Public Schools students. Admission may be dependent on geographic location, lottery, or both.

### **BUFFALO CSD**

Aloma D. Johnson Charter School, K-4 www.fruitbeltcharter.org

Buffalo Academy of Science, 7-12 www.bascs.org

Buffalo United Charter School, K-8 www.buffalounitedcharterschool.org

Elmwood Village Charter School, K-8 www.elmwoodvillageschool.org

Enterprise Charter School, K-8 www.enterprisecharter.org

Health Sciences Charter School, 9-12 www.healthsciencescharterschool.org

### **KENMORE-TONAWANDA UFSD**

Charter School for Applied Technologies, K-12 www.csat-k12.org/cast

### LACKAWANNA CSD

Global Concepts Charter School, K-9 www.globalccs.org

### NIAGARA-WHEATFIELD CSD

Niagara Charter School, K-6 www.niagaracharter.org King Center Charter School, K-6 www.kingcentercharterschool.org

South Buffalo Charter School, K-8 www.southbuffaloc.org

Tapestry Charter School, K-12www.tapestryschool.org

West Buffalo Charter School, K-2 www.westbuffalocharter.org

Western New York Maritime Charter School, 9-12 www.wnymcs9-12.com

Westminster Community Charter School, K-8 www.westminsterccs.org





# **PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

#### Amherst Christian Academy, PK-12

(Christian) 2625 Tonawanda Creek Rd Buffalo, NY 14228 (716) 689-9944 www.aca.academy

#### Annunciation School, Pk-8

(Roman Catholic) 7580 Clinton St Elma, NY 14059 (716) 681-1327 www.annunciationstrongstart.com

#### Aurora Waldorf School, PK-8

(Special Program Emphasis) 525 West Falls Road West Falls, NY 14170 (716) 655-2029 aurorawaldorfschool.org

#### Baker Academy, 1-9

(Special Education – Roman Catholic) 120 Alexander Ave Buffalo, NY 14211 (716) 828-7956 www.bakervictoryservices.org

#### **Baker Victory Services, PK-12**

(Special Education – Roman Catholic) 780 Ridge Rd Buffalo, NY 14218 (716) 828-9633 www.bakervictoryservices.org

# Bishop Timon / St. Jude High School, 9-12

(All-boys Roman Catholic) 601 McKinley Pkwy Buffalo, NY 14220 (716) 826-3610 www.bishoptimon.com

# Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 263 Claremont Avenue Buffalo, NY 14223 (716) 836-6360 school.olbsdepew.org

#### Blossom Garden Friends School, 3-10

(Friends) 13961 Sisson Hwy Collins, NY 14034 (716) 532-1004

# Buffalo Academy of The Sacred Heart, 9-12

(All-girls Roman Catholic) 3860 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14226 (716) 834-2101 www.sacredheartacademy.org

#### **Buffalo Seminary, 9-12**

(All-girls) 205 Bidwell Parkway Buffalo, NY 14222 (716) 855-6780 www.buffaloseminary.org

#### **Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy, 1-8**

(Seventh Day Adventist) 5580 Genesee St Lancaster, NY 14086 (914) 557-7028 school.sonlightcafe.org

#### Canisius High School, 9-12

(All-boys Roman Catholic) 1180 Delaware Ave Buffalo, NY 14209 (716) 882-0466 www.canisiushigh.org

#### **Cantalician Center for Learning**

(Special Education School) 2049 George Urban Blvd Depew, NY 14043 (716) 901-8700 www.cantaliciancenter.org

#### Cardinal O'Hara High School, 9-12

(Roman Catholic) 39 Ohara Rd Tonawanda, NY 14150 (716) 695-2600 www.cardinalohara.com

#### Catholic Academy West Buffalo, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 1069 Delaware Ave Buffalo, NY 14209 (716) 885-6111 www.cawb.org

#### **Catholic Central School, 6-9**

(Roman Catholic) 201 Winston Rd Buffalo, NY 14216 (716) 864-7325 www.cchstroy.org

#### Center Road Christian Academy, 2-12 (Baptist) 412 Center Rd West Seneca, NY 14224 (716) 675-6545

Christ The King Elementary School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 2 Lamarck Drive Buffalo, NY 14226 (716) 839-0473 www,myctkschool.com

centerroadbaptistchurch.com

#### **Christian Central Academy, NS-12**

(Christian) 39 Academy St Buffalo, NY 14221 (716) 634-4821 www.christianca.com

#### Darul Uloom Al Madania, PK-11

(Islamic) 182 Sobieski St Buffalo, NY 14212 (716) 892-2606 www.madania.org

#### East Aurora Montessori School, PK-K

(Montessori School) 46 Grey Street East Aurora, NY 14052 (716) 652-5092 eamontessori.com

#### Elmwood-Franklin School, PK-8

104 New Amsterdam Ave Buffalo, NY 14216 (716) 877-5035 www.elmwoodfranklin.org

#### Fourteen Holy Helpers School, NS-8

(Roman Catholic) 1339 Indian Church Rd Buffalo, NY 14224 (716) 674-1670 14hhschool.org

#### Gateway Longview Lynde School, PK-12

(Special Education) 6350 Main St Williamsville, NY 14221 (716) 783-3100 www.gateway-longview.org



#### Greater Refugee Temple Christian Acad-

emy, PK-5 (Christian) 943 Jefferson Avenue Buffalo, NY 14204 (716) 886-2199 www.grtchurch.org

#### Heritage Education Program

(Special Education School) 1 Delaware Avenue Buffalo, NY 14217 (716) 876-3901

#### Immaculata Academy, 9-12

(All-girls Roman Catholic) 5138 S Park Ave Hamburg, NY 14075 (716) 649-6161 www.immaculataacademy.com

#### Immaculate Conception School, K-8

(Roman Catholic) 510 Oakwood Ave East Aurora, NY 14052 (716) 652-5855 icschoolea.org

Jewish Heritage Day School, PK-8 (Jewish) 411 John James Audubon Pkwy Buffalo, NY 14228 (716) 568-0226 www.ohrtemimimschool.com

#### Kadmiah School of Buffalo, PK-8

(Jewish) 1085 Eggert Road Buffalo, NY 14226 (716) 836-6903 www.kadimah.org

#### Mandala School, K-8

738 Main Street East Aurora, NY 14052 (716) 374-0678 mandalaschool.org

#### Mount Mercy Academy, 9-12

(All-girls Roman Catholic) 88 Red Jacket Pkwy Buffalo, NY 14220 (716) 825-8796 www.mtmercy.org

#### Mount St. Mary Academy, 9-12

(All-girls Roman Catholic) 3756 Delaware Ave Buffalo, NY 14217 (716) 877-1358 www.msmacademy.org

#### Nardin Academy, PK-3

(Montessori – Catholic) 700 West Ferry Street Buffalo, NY 14222 (716) 881-6565 www.nardin.org

#### Nardin Academy Elementary, 4-8

(Catholic) 135 Cleveland Ave Buffalo, NY 14222 (716) 881-6262 www.nardin.org



Nardin Academy High School, 9-12 (All-girls Catholic) 135 Cleveland Ave Buffalo, NY 14222 (716) 881-6262 www.nardin.org

#### Nativity of Our Lord School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 4414 S Buffalo St Orchard Park, NY 14127 (716) 662-7572 nativityschool.net

#### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

School, NS-8 (Roman Catholic) 8550 Main St Williamsville, NY 14221 (716) 633-7441 nativityofmaryschool.org

#### Nativity Miguel Middle School, 5-8

(Roman Catholic) 21 Davidson Ave Buffalo, NY 1421 (716) 836-5188 nativitymiguelbuffalo.org

#### Nazareth Lutheran School, K-9

(Lutheran) 265 Skillen St Buffalo, NY 14207 (716) 876-7709

# New Christian Fellowship Academy, NS-

(Christian) 3325 Genesee St Buffalo, NY 14225 (716) 632-6084

#### New Life Christian School, NS-12

(Christian) 80 Luksin Dr Tonawanda, NY 14150 (716) 694-0071 www.nlcsny.org

#### Nichols School, 5-12

1250 Amherst St Buffalo, NY 14216 716-332-6300 www.nicholsschool.org

#### Old Time Baptist Academy, K-12

(Baptist) 5599 Camp Rd Hamburg, NY 14075 (716) 646-0827 oldtimebaptist.com

#### Our Lady Help of Christians School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 4115 Union Road Buffalo, NY 14225 (716) 632-4199 www.ourladyhelpofchristians.org

#### Our Lady of Black Rock School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 16 Peter St Buffalo, NY 14207 (716) 873-7497 www.olbrschool.org



#### **Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament**

School, NS-8 (Roman Catholic) 20 French Road Depew, NY 14043 (716) 685-2544 www.stmarthadepew.org

#### **Our Lady of Victory, PK-8**

(Roman Catholic) 2760 S Park Ave Buffalo, NY 14218 (716) 828-9434 www.ourladyofvictoryelementary.org

#### Our Lady Sacred Heart School, K-9

(Roman Catholic) 3144 Abbott Rd Orchard Park, NY 14127 (716) 824-8208 www.olshop.org

#### **Queen of Heaven Elementary School, PK-8**

(Roman Catholic) 839 Mill Rd Buffalo, NY 14224 (716) 674-5206 www.qofhschool.org

#### St. Aloysius Gonzaga School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 157 Cleveland Drive Buffalo, NY 14215 (716) 836-4549 stalschurch.com

#### St. Aloysius Regional School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 186 Franklin St Springville, NY 14141 (716) 592-7002 www.staloysiusregional.com

#### St. Amelia School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 2999 Eggert Rd Tonawanda, NY 14150 (716) 836-2230 stameliaschool.org

#### St. Andrews Country Day School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 1545 Sheridan Drive Buffalo, NY 14217 (716) 877-0422 standrewscds.net

#### St. Benedict School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 3980 Main St Buffalo, NY 14226 (716) 835-2518 stbenschool.org

#### St. Bernard Elementary School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 1988 Clinton Street Buffalo, NY 14206 (716) 822-8057 www.stbernards.org

#### St. Bonaventure School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 2784 Seneca Street Buffalo, NY 14224 (716) 822-7260 www.saintbonaventure.com

#### St. Christopher Catholic School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd Tonawanda, NY 14150 (716) 693-5604 saintchris.org

#### St. Francis High School, 9-12

(All-boys Roman Catholic) 4129 Lake Shore Rd Athol Springs, NY 14010 (716) 627-1200 www.stfrancishigh.org

#### St. Francis of Assisi School, NS-8

(Roman Catholic) 70 Adam St Tonawanda, NY 14150 (716) 692-7886 www.stfrancistonawanda.org

#### St. Gregory the Great School, NS-8

(Roman Catholic) 250 Saint Gregory Court Buffalo, NY 14221 (716) 688-5323 www.stgregs.org

# **St. John Christian Academy, PK-K** (Baptist)

184 Goodell St Buffalo, NY 14201 (716) 852-4504 stjohnbaptistbuffalo.org

#### St. John the Baptist School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 2028 Sandridge Road Alden, NY 14004 (716) 937-9483 stjohnsalden.com

#### St. John the Baptist School, NS-8

(Roman Catholic) 1085 Englewood Ave Buffalo, NY 14223 (716) 877-6401 www.stjohnskenmore.com

#### St. John Vianney School, NS-8

(Roman Catholic) 2950 Southwestern Blvd Orchard Park, NY 14127 (716) 674-9232 www.saintjohnvianney.com

#### St. Joseph University School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 3275 Main St Buffalo, NY 14214 (716) 835-7395 sjsbuffalo.com

#### St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, 9-12

(All-boys Roman Catholic) 845 Kenmore Ave Buffalo, NY 14223 (716) 874-4024 www.sjci.com

#### St. Mark Elementary School, K-8

(Roman Catholic) 399 Woodward Ave Buffalo, NY 14214 (716) 836-1191 saintmarkschool.com

#### St. Mary's School For The Deaf, PK-12

(Special Education) 2253 Main St Buffalo, NY 14214 (716) 834-7200 www.smsdk12.org

#### St. Marys Elementary School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 2 Saint Marys Hill Lancaster, NY 14086 (716) 683-2112 www.smeschool.com



#### St. Marys High School, 9-12

(Roman Catholic) 142 Laverack Ave Lancaster, NY 14086 (716) 683-4824 smhlancers.org

#### St. Marys School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 6919 Transit Rd East Amherst, NY 14051 (716) 689-8424 www.stmarysswormsville.org

#### St. Rose of Lima Elementary School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 201 Winston Road Buffalo, NY 14216 (716) 833-4100 saintmarkbuffalo.com

#### St. Stephen School, K-9

(Roman Catholic) 2080 Baseline Rd Grand Island, NY 14072 (716) 773-4347 www.ststephensgi.org

# Saints Tabernacle School of Excellence, 3-12

(Church of God in Christ) 1301 Genesee St Buffalo, NY 14211 (716) 892-8669

#### Southtowns Catholic School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 2052 Lakeview Rd Lake View, NY 14085 www.southtownscatholic.org

#### Ss. Peter & Paul Elementary School, K-9

(Roman Catholic) 68 E Main St Hamburg, NY 14075 (716) 649-7030 www.sspphamburg.org

### Ss. Peter & Paul Elementary School, PK-8

(Roman Catholic) 5480 Main St Buffalo, NY 14221 (716) 632-6146 ssppschool.com

#### Ss. Peter & Paul School, NS-8

(Roman Catholic) 52 Burlington Ave Depew, NY 14043 (716) 683-8049

#### Stanley G Falk School, K-12

(Special Education) 848 Delaware Ave Buffalo, NY 14209 (716) 882-0090 www.falkschool.com

#### Summit Educational Resources, PK

(Special Education) 150 Stahl Rd Getzville, NY 14068 (716) 629-3400 summit-education.com

#### The Gow School, 6-12

(All-boys Special Education) 2491 Emery Rd South Wales, NY 14139 (716) 652-3450 www.gow.org

#### The Park School of Buffalo, PK-12

4625 Harlem Rd Buffalo, NY 14226 (716) 839-1242 theparkschool.org

#### Trinity Lutheran School, NS-8

(Lutheran) 146 Reserve Rd Buffalo, NY 14224 (716) 674-5353 www.thinktrinitychristian.com

#### Universal School, PK-8

(Islamic) 1957 Genesee St Buffalo, NY 14211 (716) 597-0102 www.myuniversalschool.org

#### West Seneca Christian School, PK-12

(Baptist) 511 Union Rd Buffalo, NY 14224 (716) 674-1820 www.gowscs.com





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More Western New Yorkers earn undergraduate and advanced degrees than ever before - and they're building their futures here, too. In any year, more than 100,000 students enroll in nearly two dozen colleges and universities, studying everything from biomedical engineering and business, to greet technologies development, urban planning and media arts.

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- Alfred University, 4-year,
- Bryant & Stratton Business Institute
- Canisius College, 4-year
- Daemen College, 4-year
- D'Youville College, 4-year
- Erie Community College
- Genesee Community College, 2-year
- Hilbert College, 4-year

- Houghton College, 4-year
- Jamestown Business College, 2-year
- Jamestown Community College, 2-year
- Medaille College, 4-year
- Niagara County Community College, 2-year
- Niagara University, 4-year
- Saint Bonaventure University, 4-year

- SUNY at Fredonia, 4-year
- SUNY College at Buffalo, 4-year
- SUNY College of Technology at Alfred, 4-year
- Trocaire College, 2-year
- University at Buffalo
- Villa Maria College Buffalo, 4-year







### UTILITIES

If you're buying a home, you'll likely need electric, gas, and water. If you're renting an apartment, ask your landlord which utilities are included and what you're responsible for. And don't forget phone and internet service.

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National Grid (800) 642-4272 www.nationalgridus.com

New York State Electric & Gas Co. (NYSEG) (800) 572-1111 www.nyseg.com

#### Gas

National Fuel (716) 686-6123 www.natfuel.com

#### Water

Buffalo Water Departement 716-847-1065 (Flat Rate) 716-851-4781 (Metered) www.buffalowater.org Erie County Water Authority 716-849-8444 www.ecwa.org

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AT&T (800) 205-6268 www.att.com

Spectrum (800) 892-4357 www.spectrum.com

Verizon (800) 837-4966 www.verizon.com

#### **Cable Television**

Spectrum (800) 892-4357 www.spectrum.com Verizon FIOS TV (800) 837-4966 www.verizon.com

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DirectTV (800) 595-4101 www.directtv.com

DISH Network (800) 823-4929





# **MOVING CHECKLIST TIPS**

So you found your new home! Now what? A lot goes into the moving process, but if you start with a clear plan, you'll have less stress and maybe even enjoy it!

- Join the de-cluttering revolution! Don't spend time, energy and money on moving things you don't need or want anymore. Sell, toss or donate items accordingly. Plan an estate sale to off-set moving costs if you have a significant amount that ends up in the sell pile.
- Research reputable moving companies and get at least two quotes. Decide which services you need. There is a wide range in what companies offer and what they chargeespecially for non-local moves- inventory, packing, shipping and storage are all options.
- Get your supplies together. Most moving companies will drop boxes and wrapping material off to you at your convenience. Give yourself the gift of time by starting early and picking small areas to tackle. Don't get overwhelmed by trying to do too much at once. And feel free to bribe friends and family with food and drink!
- Label, label, label. Nothing's more frustrating than digging through unmark, and vaguely labelled boxes when looking for an item. Get as specific as you can. "Kitchen" encompasses a lot- is it a rolling pin that you're looking for or your everyday utensils? For personal items, it's a good idea to have everyone pack a suitcase with clothes and toiletries as if they were going on a week long trip. For the kitchen- a plastic tote with the basics to get through the first few days is also helpful. And no one will judge you if you're eating from paper plates and plastic cups the first week!

getting settled in. Doctors, dentists, salons and gyms are other services and facilities worth looking into sooner, rather than later. You may want to get a cleaning service in pre- or post- move as well.

- Moving day is here! Be as clear as you can with anyone helping you move, but listen to the experts as well. In your mind, you may have a game plan of exactly how the day is going to unfold, but when it comes to moving, flexibility is key! If there are fragile or special items that you are planning on moving yourself, make sure those are clearly marked and out of the way. Make sure furniture, rugs and art work are properly protected from the dirt and movement of the truck, and that fragile items are clearly labelled.
- Once the last box is loaded, do a final walk through. This includes, drawers, cabinets, dishwasher, refrigerators, medicine chests and closets. Most premises are required to be left in broom-swept condition. Hiring a cleaning crew to do a move-out cleaning is helpful if you are short on time, and is a nice bonus for the new homeowner. Leave extra keys, openers and any useful numbers and manuals in an easy to see spot. Turn off the lights, lock the door, and get ready to do everything in reverse!

- Notify important services that you'll be moving and give them a move-out date as soon as you can. You'll want to do the same on the other end, so you're not without any utilities on moving day. Don't forget internet and cable, as well as security. File a form online with the postal service to forward your mail to your new address.
- Start a file for new providers in the area you're moving to, and start seeking good referrals.
  Having child and pet care ready as move-in day approaches can be especially helpful when





# 25 WAYS TO ENJOY THE BEST OF WESTERN NEW YORK

#### **1.** Get a bird's eye view of the city at the Buffalo City Hall Observation Deck.

Take a tour of the Art Deco architecture and murals of City Hall, but don't leave before you take in the views of the Queen City from the "Windows on Buffalo" up on the 28th floor (take the elevator up to 25 and walk up 3 flights.)

#### **2.** Eat your way around the globe, but leave your passport at home.

Buffalo has a long history of immigration and welcoming new residents from all over the world. That has given us a rich international food scene that is continuing to develop. Check out The West Side Bazaar for a range of cuisines from Burmese, Thai, Ethiopian, Puerto Rico and more.

#### **3.** Burn some calories by paddling the Buffalo River.

Rent a kayak at Canalside and get moving! Aim your kayak through Buffalo's "Elevator Alley" and take in the sites of Buffalo's famed grain silos and Buffalo's Downtown core all at once. Finish with a burger and a milkshake at The Hatch to replace all those lost calories!

#### **4.** Take in a show at historic Shea's Performing Arts Center.

Yes, you can see one of the hottest touring Broadway shows, your favorite musical artist or comedian, but you'll be distracted by the beauty of this lovingly restored 1926 gem. Give yourself extra time to gawk at this national historic site.

#### **5.** Enjoy art and nature coming together at Griffis Sculpture Park.

Since the 1960's, the park has been attracting international artists and local



explorers, alike. You'll find over 250 large scale sculptures situated throughout the park's scenic hiking trails. If you'd like to make an evening of it, head up to Sprague Brook County Park, which offers traditional outdoor activities such as camping, hiking and fishing.

#### **6.** Let's Go Buffalo! Whatever the season, we have a sporting event to attend.

Buffalo is known for its passionate and spirited sports fans. Catch a foul ball at a Bison's game, tailgate before a Bills game, try your hand at some hockey trivia at a Sabres game, and dance in the aisles at a Bandits game, our indoor lacrosse team. Whichever you choose, prepare to support the home team and have a great time.

#### **7.** Stay and dine at a former Asylum for the Insane.

The stunning Hotel Henry, originally designed by architect H.H. Richardson in 1872 as The Buffalo State Asylum for the Insane, has been thoughtfully restored and renovated into a vibrant area for a hotel and event space, and an art-filled restaurant known as 100 Acres that focuses on local and seasonal cuisine.

#### **8.** Tiptoe through the gravestones at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Forest Lawn has the distinction of being one of the first deliberately and professionally designed cemeteries in the United States in 1850. At 269 acres, you can take a professionally curated tour, or drive or stroll through on your own. Be sure to catch the graves of a U.S. President (Millard Fillmore) and Buffalo's own entertainment royalty, Rick James.

#### **9.** Visit Buffalo's very own version of Central Park.

You will hear the name Frederick Law Olmsted frequently as a visitor or resident of Buffalo, NY. He was the famous American landscape architect responsible for some of this country's best public spaces, including New York's Central Park and our very own Olmsted Park System here in Buffalo. Delaware Park is the largest of these and offers biking, walking and running tracks and trails as well as tennis, golf, soccer and baseball and people watching for the less athletically inclined.

#### **10.** You've heard of wine tours? How about a "wing tour"?

We couldn't have a list of things to do in WNY, without chicken wings making the top ten. Ask most native Buffalonians, and they will probably have an answer to the question, "who has the best wings?" But the fun of moving here is discovering the answer to that question yourself! Do some research and start hitting the well known and more unknown establishments. There is no lack of dedicated research into this topic- local, national and international. Enjoy the journey and don't forget your wet naps!

#### **11.** Explore the local arts scene with a First Friday gallery tour.



First Fridays are self guided gallery tours hosted by the Allentown Association. Hop into a gallery, take in a piece of performance art, or listen to a local musician. Independent shops offer an eclectic array of goods and the many restaurants on the route offer a place to sit and dine and drink, all in the historic charm of the Allentown neighborhood.

#### **12.** Spend an afternoon listening to the soothing sounds of nature at Glen Park in Williamsville.

The picturesque falls at the park attract those looking to enjoy a moment of natural beauty and those looking for that perfect photo back drop. You will see wedding parties aplenty, but look past to the lushness of the surrounding park, take a hike and sit and watch the ducks while trying your hand at catching a fish. The park's location in the heart of the village lets you enjoy the natural world while be minutes away from many charming shops and restaurants.

#### **13.** It's Buffalo. It snows. Embrace it!

You may have heard that we get some snow here in Buffalo? Well, native Buffalonians don't let that stop the fun. Try your hand at ice biking at Canalside to keep warm and get the heart rate up. Sledding and tobogganing at Chestnut Ridge can't be beat, and head further south to Ellicottville if skiing and snowboarding is your thing. Wear your layers and warm up with some hot cocoa after, and you'll be loving the snow in no time!

#### **14.** "Frank Lloyd Wright Was Here." Take a tour of his local work.

Buffalo is home to multiple structures designed by the famous American architect. You can go exploring on your own, or take a "All Wright, All Day" tour. The largest and most well known of his local projects is the Darwin Martine house, which has evolved into a destination with a tourist center highlighting the architect. Other local sites include Graycliff Estate in Derby, NY and the Fontana Boathouse- built in 2000 to bring the architect's original blueprints to life, and currently used as a working structure for the West Side Rowing Club.



#### **15.** Grab a bite (or two or three or four) at Food Truck Tuesday.

Head down to Larkin Square on a Summer Tuesday evening, and leave the cooking for another night. Sample the menus of a range of cuisines from food trucks from

Buffalo, Rochester and beyond. The evening has expanded to include live music on the Boardwalk to enjoy with your food. A fun and casual way to spend a Tuesday night!

#### **16.** See what's playing at the historic North Park Theater.

Located on the bustling Hertel Avenue, the North Park theater is a single screen movie theater that debuted its first feature in 1920. The theater's iconic Flexlume marquee came about 20 years later. The theater underwent an extensive restoration after many decades of neglect, and is now a shining gem again. You will find first run movies, independent and international offerings, popular throwback films, and small scale festivals on the screen at the North Park.



#### **17.** Holy architecture! Take a tour of our jaw dropping churches.

Our neighborhoods are rich with local parish churches. You'll see many steeples dotting the Buffalo skyline. These beauties are often examples of rich architectural detail and craftsmanship, signifying the glory of, and commitment to, a higher power. Some still function as churches, others have been mothballed due to dwindling parish numbers, and others have been converted to different community uses. The most famous of these is the Our Lady Of Victory Basilica, but there are many more smaller scale churches to be explored scattered throughout the city and surrounding suburbs alike.

**18.** Elbow your way through the Broadway Market at Easter time. The Broadway Market, located on the East Side of Buffalo, is a historic community market place that has been operating since 1888. Immigrants brought their foods and wares to this marketplace to continue the traditions of the native lands. This custom continues at the market with the original

Polish and German offerings, as well as s goods from Africa, Italy and Spain. Easter time is the marker's busiest season, with shoppers gathering their butter lambs, sausage and brightly painted wooden eggs to adorn their holiday table, but the market is a great place to round out your shopping all year.



#### **19.** Support our local artists and performers with a favorite Summer festival.

The Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts features over 150 local artists and craftspeople, exhibiting and selling their work on the popular Elmwood Avenue. The festival offers a bustling "Kidspace" area for younger attendees to stretch their own creative muscles. "Cultural Row" provides a space for local non-profits and cultural organizations to spread the word of their work in strengthening the local community. Food trucks and a café area offer a wide variety of food and drink, and the whole festival is driven by creating an environmentally responsible event with opportunities to reduce waste and recycle.

#### **20.** Find a place where everyone knows your name.

Buffalo has a strong tradition of the neighborhood tavern as a place for locals to unwind and come together as a community after a hard day's work- also lovingly know as the "dive bar." Grab a late night steak sandwich at the Old Pink, play a round of



trivia at Founding Father's, listen to some live music at Mohawk Place and enjoy delicious, golden fries at Wiechec's. And that is just the tip of the iceberg. Just like most Buffalonians have their favorite wing place, they also have a favorite dive bar, so ask around until you find you own!

**21.** Pretend you're on the set of a Hallmark movie in East Aurora, NY. This charming suburb of Buffalo has a lot to offer and is only about 25 minutes southeast of Buffalo. Visit the Roycroft campus which was integral in the inception of the Arts and Crafts movement in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. An extremely walkable village, with many shops and restaurants, another historic movie theater, and perhaps the town's most famous shop- Viddler's 5 & 10. The traditional store offers a wide variety of things you may be looking for, and many things you weren't, but now have to have. A great day trip and fun for all ages.

#### **22.** Art is all around. Find your favorite mural or public work of art.

Buffalo may have been a little late to the public art scene, but we are catching up fast. It's hard to travel too far without coming upon a new mural gracing what was a non descript building. Some of these public works are part of a larger initiative by the Albright Knox Art Gallery ("Shark Girl" at Canalside or The Freedom Wall at Michigan and East Ferry Streets) and others are business and property owners looking to contribute to this new trend in neighborhood beautification. There are an estimated 270 sites to be visited throughout the city at this time. Make yourself a map and bike, drive or walk to take them as many in as you can.

#### **23.** "What's that flower?" Find out at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens.

Opened in 1900, this Victorian glass masterpiece was modeled after the famous Crystal Palace in England. The Gardens consider themselves a living museum to inspire curiosity and connect the visitor to the natural world. The museum offers rotating flower exhibits, work shops and educational programs along with its enchanting permanent collection. Keep your eye open for special fundraising events that support the organization's mission as well.

**24.** Hit the museum at The Colored Musicians Club to learn the history of the longest running club of its kind in the U.S.

In 1917, a group of black artists decided to start their own musicians' union, and a year later this space was created as a social club for its members- a place to gather, relax, exchange ideas, and work on their craft. While people of all races were welcome, the Club was a haven for its black members, who were historically banned from other venues. National greats such as Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald passed through the Club, where they played alongside the city's own highly talented musicians. The Club still has an active and vibrant place in the community. Go on a Sunday, Monday or Thursday for live music.

#### **25.** Visit our neighbor to the north.

After even a short stay in the Buffalo area, you'll come to realize how close of a connection there is between Buffalo and Canada. Many people have second homes or cottages on the Canadian lake shore; we pop up to Niagara on the Lake for an afternoon winery tour or to catch at a play at the Shaw Festival. When Buffalonians say they're going to see Niagara Falls, they are most likely talking about the "Canadian side." Along with a wonderful view of this natural wonder, is the very unnatural environment of the campy Clifton Hill. Home to the ubiquitous tourist shops, it also has an eclectic assortment of wax museums, mini golf, casual eateries and other carnival style amusements. Don't forget your passport for crossing the border!





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