

**Buffalo Celebrates** 



The United Streets Block Club gathered on Roesch Street near J.H. Williams Park to honor its founder and citizen crime-fighter David Spinda with a dedication ceremony.

The Potomac 400 Block club residents participated for their 12th year in the National Night Out to meet and greet neighbors from their block. Visitors included Buffalo Councilmember David A. Rivera and Buffalo Police Chief Anthony Barba.



Residents of the Vernon Street Triangle Block Club came together for National Night Out. Vernon Street Block club was formed 29 years ago and has participated in every National Night Out event.

The Grant/Amherst Business Association held their meeting outside at the foot of Peter Street. This was the second time the meeting was held outside in conjunction with the National Night Out events.

National Night Out is a series of nationwide celebrations held on the first Tuesday in August each year. The purpose of National Night Out is to give neighbors an opportunity to get together in a setting close to home. Of the many crime prevention strategies out there, familiarity and communication among neighbors ranks among the most effective.

Introduced by the National Association of Town Watch in 1984, the annual event is to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local crime prevention efforts.

National Night Out is also an opportunity for area police officers to interact with residents in a positive, relaxed and informal wav. Police officers and residents often use National Night Out as an opportunity to (con't on page 5)

**HNBBA To Hold Monthly Meeting** 

The Hertel North Buffalo Business Association will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 14th in their office at 1510 Hertel Avenue starting at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

#### Weather Local

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9** 

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

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## 'The "Miracle" Bisons'

It's been an off-and-on year for the Buffalo Bisons.

But they sure looked like winners to Rocket Man Saturday on Grand Island.

After a long, difficult game at Coca-Cola Field Friday night, infielder Matt Tuisasosopo (a newlywed, no less), outfielder Matt den Dekker (both of whom provide full employment for uniform name-stitchers) and pitchers Colin McHugh and Garrett Olson dragged themselves out of bed and drove over the dreaded South Bridge in their own cars to make the day special for some extraordinary fans.

It was a miracle. Literally. Grand Island recently installed its nearly unique Miracle League fields, specially designed to handle the special needs of youngsters - and a few "oldsters" - who want to play the game as well as know it.

It's smooth as glass, sort of a hard carpet, with bases, a short fence, dugouts and all

the fixtures you find at any "ordinary" ballpark in Amer-

On its surface most Saturday mornings swarm, at any one time, dozens of wheelchairs, some powered, some not, as well as walkers and other aids for folks not blessed with full mobility. Here and there, a service dog trots alongside a motorized chair. A ball is hit to a leftfielder who then picks it up and hurls it over the fence. An announcer urges them

They do call it "special needs," but the greatest need is the support of the better abled. And here are some of the finest players in the game, surely with other things to do (Tuiasosopo even brought along his bride Abi, who cheered them all on), joining them, bumping them, slapping them, smiling as broadly as anyone there.

Tuiasosopo, tall and tan, takes a moment after the "game" to wipe off the sweat

(it was an inferno out there) and reflect on the experience. "It was wonderful," he said. Getting up to make the trip "was easy. It's baseball, isn't it? It just made me feel good all over." The man they call "Too-ee" recalls a cousin back in Seattle with some physical disabilities, and how he gets to play a little, "but nothing like this."

He marveled at the diversity of the Miracle players. "Some of them," he observed with wonder, "are older than I am."

Bison public-relations chief Brad Bisbing said he has "no trouble at all" in rounding up volunteers. "These guys loved to do it, they just stepped up," he said. Identifying the Bison personnel at the game, he added, "and the one with the horns, that's Buster."

But the ones with the heart were the players, two Matts, two pitchers. It may be coincidence, but the Herd won the game both before and after their visit to the place where miracles are just part of the job description.

BACK TO THE PAST: You're of Rocket Man's vintage is you recall Offermann Stadium, but memories will be tweaked with the installation of a plaque near the Offerman site, the back parking lot of the Performing Arts High School, Michigan and East Ferry, Saturday morning at 10. On hand: Former Bison announcer Pete Weber and several brothers of alltime Bison great Luke Easter. Everyone's invited.

Fire back to Rocket Man at pollyndoug@hotmail.com

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## Tour de Farms Ride Set for September 15th

The Buffalo Tour de Farms 2012 bicycle tour is a celebration of local food and

the amazing bounty of WNY. Sponsored Independent by Health, this event benefits the Massachusetts Avenue Project (mass-ave. org) whose mission is to nurture the growth of a diverse and equitable community food system to promote local economic opportunities, access to affordable and nutritious food,

and social-change education. This year's Tour de Farms will also benefit our partner GO Bike Buffalo (gobikebuffalo.org) This years ride is approximately 35 miles and riders will travel from Buffalo's



Westside visiting urban farms and community gardens, stopping at Bipperts Farm and ending at the Oles Farm in Corfu, NY. Following the Tour De Farms ride, The 4th Annual Buffalo Tour de Farms Harvest Celebra-

tion will take place in celebration of local food and the amazing bounty of WNY. The Harvest Celebration will be provided for riders, their families and friends and the rest of the WNY community. We are thrilled to announce that Outer Circle Orchestra will be providing entertainment again this year. This scenic ride will em-

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The History of Latin Dance - The Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society will host salsa dance instructions and the opportunity to try out the newly learned moves to the live music of Unit III on Wednesday, August 15th, from 5:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Salsa dance instruction begins at 5:45 and runs until 6:15.) The museum building is located at 25 Nottingham Court at Elmwood Avenue. The cost is regular museum admission; free for museum members.

Salsa instructions will be led by Sarah Haykel. Ms. Haykel works with a diverse range of children and adults from all backgrounds and in all settings as a movement educator, through various grants awarded to Y.A.W.N.Y., and facilitates private and group sessions in Latin and Hip-Hop dancing, movement and mindfulness meditation, transformational life coaching, self-empowerment, and the history of Latin dance.

Visit www.buffalohistory. org or call 716-873-9644 Ext. 301 for all the details!

**Downtown Central Li**brary's Huge Book Sale! - Select from a wide variety of Used Books, Periodicals, VHS Tapes, Audio Books on Cassettes and CDs. All items only 25 cents. The sale takes place on Thursday, August 9th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 10th from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 11th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Enter the Downtown Central Library from the Ellicott Street door between Broadway and Clinton.

Materials being sold at the book sale are no longer in circulation, may be slightly damaged, or have been donated for public sale. The sale will include works of fiction, biographies, reference, non-fiction, and children's books to name a

Music Is Art - A collection for used and unwanted musical instruments is underway and will benefit Buffalo's own Music is Art Foundation. Did you know that they can be repaired and distributed to organizations that need them? The collection is going on until September 30th. For more information or to donate, please call 316-1982 or email liz58@roadrunner. com.

Remembering Willow**brook** will be available for viewing at the Museum of disABILITY History from Thursday, August 9th to Monday, August 20th, 2012.

Exhibit Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sundays and Mondays: Closed. Group tours avail-

For more information about the Museum of dis-ABILITY History, 716.629.3626 or visit www. museumofdisability.org. The museum is located at 3826 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14226.

**Independent Festival** Of The Arts - Join in, on August 18th, for a day of arts and entertainment! The festival features live performances, up-and-coming local artists, and more. It is an opportunity to meet with friends and learn about what's new in the lively arts culture within Buffalo.

IFA will be located at 1183 Colvin Blvd, Buffalo NY 14223. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 6p.m. rain or shine! Free of cost.

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## **Buffalo Celebrates National Night Out**

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communicate about neighborhood concerns and crime prevention tips.

Because National Night Out events are a step toward creating safer neighborhoods, the Buffalo Police Department encourages and supports these events throughout the Buffalo area. The city of Buffalo alone held about 30 National Night Out events. People participated all over Western New York.

In Riverside, Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown, Buffalo Councilmember Joseph Golombek, Jr. and The United Streets Block Club honored its founder and citizen crime-fighter David Spinda with a dedication ceremony. A portion of Roesch Avenue was renamed David Spinda Way. Spinda died of cancer

three months ago.

There were many different types of National Night Out events -- it all depends on the neighborhood. Some residents host block parties. Sometimes events are built around a barbecue, ice cream social or potluck dinner.

Visit http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno. The National Night Out Web site has ideas about activities you can organize, photos from National Night Out activities around the nation, and other great tips on making your community strong and safe.

Talk to your neighbors and tell them about National Night Out. Figure out how many might attend and who can help ... and then start planning!



# Hertel North Buffalo Business Association Member Spotlight Maddtiki Tattoo



Maddtiki Tattoo is located at 1432 Hertel Avenue

Maddtiki Tattoo located at 1432 Hertel Avenue, next to the North Park Theatre, has been a staple of the Buffalo Art/Tattoo community for over a decade. Owner Mark Madden has won several awards for his tattooing and his fine art. It is his private art studio where he displays several pieces of his works.

Mark started his first studio, Madd Grafix, ten years ago in Allentown and then moved up to Forest and Elmwood to the current location of his street shop Madd Tatz.

In January of 2012 Mark and his wife moved into the Hertel area and opened a custom/private tattoo studio to concentrate on his growing clientele.

Maddtiki specializes in one of a kind custom skin art. It is a tiki lounge with an island feel with authentic bamboo furniture and Hawaiian masks with tiki art adorning the waiting room

Mark has been an artist his whole life and always had an interest in fine arts. He went to school for graphic design and illustration and graduated from Buffalo State College.

Mark usually books a few months ahead of time but does offer some walk-in days. He has several artists on staff in both locations to meet any tattooing requirements.

Maddtiki Tattoo is open every day from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. You can make an appointment at Maddtiki by calling 783-7652 or visit them on the web at www.maddtikitattoo.com.

Feel free to stop in to see Mark's art display and have a quick consultation of just escape into the Maddtiki and say 'Hi'





Member Spotlight is a feature presented by the Hertel North Buffalo Business Association, 1510 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216. Members of the Association are picked through a lottery type selection and then scheduled in that order to appear in the Buffalo Rocket. To become a member of the Hertel North Buffalo Business Association please visit their website at http://www.hertel-ave.com or call 877-1776 for more information.





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### **North Buffalo**

#### July 31, 2012

Colvin Ave - Complainant reports that ex-boyfriend did break the window to her apartment to steal beer. He did take off when asked to stop, he also resisted ar-

#### July 30, 2012

Crestwood Ave - Complainant reports that four defendants went to complainant's business and started screaming and yelling in front of building for complainant to come outside. One defendant reached down to his waist line, lifted his shirt and displayed an unknown weapon (possibly a gun).

#### August 2, 2012

Vernon St. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) did throw a large rock through his dinning room window breaking and

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Lafayette St./Baynes Ave. - Complainant states that known defendant did throw multiple cinder blocks at her window causing glass damage.

Dart Ave - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) did break the rear window of the house and once inside did damage the walls upstairs, break the glass on the stove and attempted to set the house of fire in various areas of the home.

#### August 3, 2012

Bird Ave - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) did force door on east side of house and once inside did take the kitchen sink.

#### August 5, 2012

Elmwood Ave - Complainant reports that defendant did get into a fight inside restaurant. When employees tried to break it up, the defendant pulled a knife and threatened them. Defendant did also punch and smash front door and a front window.

Oxford Pl. - Defendant was stopped at a road safety check when officers recovered 13 baggies containing heroin residue in cup holder. After arrest, defendant was found to have in her possession 16 baggies containing heroin, 2 baggies containing heroin and 2 hypodermic needles. Also found to be driving with suspended license.

#### August 6, 2012

Bird Ave - Complainant reports unknown person did enter her apartment by removing screen and took \$65 cash and her newly filled prescription of xanax, ambian and paxil.

### **Riverside**

#### August 2, 2012

Riverside Ave.- Defendant found in possession of 3 bags of marijuana in his left front pants pocket.

Greeley St. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) did enter through basement wall. Taken was 2 flat screen televisions with stand, a bed, and kids clothes. Also, damage done to basement door.

Amherst St. - Complainant reports that his brother did take from his apartment his food stamp debit card. No further information, complete investigation to follow.

#### August 3, 2012

West Lane - Witness stated that an unknown male wearing beige flip flops (that appeared to be too small for him) got into a verbal dispute with an unknown male. Witness states the male pulled out a small black handgun and fired one shot then fled.



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