

Bikeshare



Robby Takac: Founder and President of the Music Is Art Festival, September 2017.

Reddy ridership tripled in 2017. Reddy bikeshare and Independent Health officials announced final results for the second season of the innovative bikeshare program in the City of Buffalo, and both organizations are once again

extremely pleased with the community’s incredible support and enthusiasm. Jennifer White, marketing and communications executive for Reddy bikeshare, said “Riders utilizing the program more than tripled last year, growing from

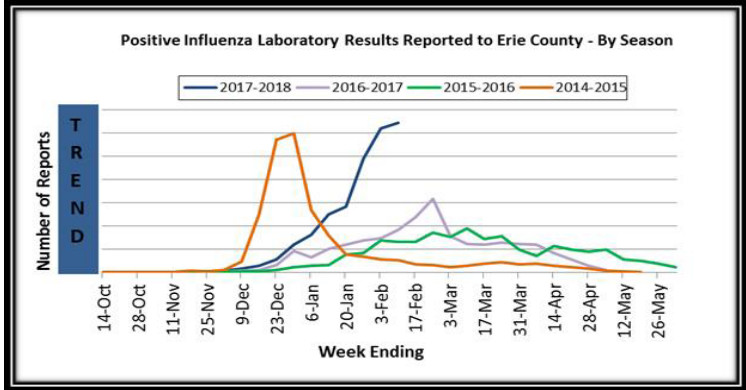
1,700 in 2016 to more than 5,600 at the end of the 2017 season. Our data also shows an increased number of trips during peak commute times, indicating a growing commuter base. The use of Reddy bikes to commute to-and-
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Influenza Still Increasing in Erie County

This year’s United States flu season has been driven by the H3N2 Influenza A strain, a flu strain that can lead to more severe illness

with more hospitalizations and even deaths compared to other flu virus strains. Flu-related hospitalizations in Erie County remain ex-

tremely high. The number of positive influenza laboratory test results reported to Erie County continues to increase. The presence of influenza throughout Erie County is widespread and affecting all ages and is not an illness to be taken lightly. It is NOT too late to receive a flu vaccine, and if you do get sick, it may reduce the severity of your symptoms. It is especially important for certain populations at high risk of developing serious complications, such as
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Coaches Needed

The West Side Ponytail Softball and Boys Baseball Leagues are looking for coaches for this summer. Male and Females who know the game and who are willing to give some time two or three nights a week in June and July. Also, needed are baseball equipment like gloves, bats, balls, etc. that might be useful for someone who cannot afford baseball equipment. The league will begin registration in March. All games are played at LaSalle Park. Call Tovie Asarese, League Director at 885-7692.




Memories

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Hertel Avenue Flood 1975. These photo were taken on Hertel Avenue between Homer and Virgil. The sewer at that time was not big enough to handle the run off. Hence every basement and street filled with water. Everything in a home or business basement had to be discarded for health reasons.. That sewer pipe has since been enlarged.

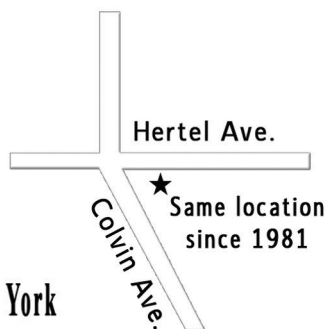
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Five Thoughts as the Buffalo Sabres Show Signs of Life

1. Are the Sabres a better team without Jack Eichel? Of course this is a preposterous idea. Eichel's possibly season ending high ankle sprain injury suffered in Boston on Saturday on February 10th could drive the team into a deeper despair in an already ruined season.

Consider that following Eichel's injury against Boston on Saturday on February 10th, the team finished the game by defeating the league's hottest team 4-2. Back in Buffalo they dropped a 5-4 decision to the Colorado Avalanche the next day before defeating the first place team in the Eastern Conference, the Tampa Bay Lightning 5-3 on Tuesday February 13th. Tampa probably wasn't at their best having played the previous night in Toronto where they lost 4-3 to the Maple Leafs. But for a Sabres team with only 15 wins in 54 games prior to these back to back victories no one was complaining.

2. The Lightning spoiled the homecoming of former Canisius College star Cory Conacher by making him a healthy scratch. Conacher has been on a hockey odyssey since breaking in with Tampa in 2012 with a point and a half per game playing on a line with league MVP and scoring champion Martin St. Louis. He was traded to Ottawa for goalie Ben Bishop who be-

came a star in Tampa while Conacher underwhelmed in Ottawa with only six goals in 82 games. He ended up playing 19 game for Buffalo before beginning a minor league travel odyssey which also took him to the Swiss league. But Conacher is too good for the minors and he is back in the NHL where he has scored six goals in 24 games, a pace that would net him 20 goals over a full schedule.

3. Sam Rhinehart was Buffalo's best player against Tampa with two goals. He has been on a tear since returning to Jack Eichel's line and continues to produce following Eichel's injury. Rhinehart has gone 6-10-16 in his last 13 games including 2-1-3 in three games without Eichel. His production is welcome and makes one wonder

if this is the same player who only registered 13 points in his first 44 games?

4. Ryan O'Reilly has stepped up his game lately with 14 points (6-8-14) in his last 11 games. He has three points in each of the last two home games. But where O'Reilly has really dazzled in the faceoff circle where he has won a league leading 831 faceoffs with a league leading 61.3 winning percentage. He won 29 of 39 draws for a 74.1 winning percentage against Colorado on Sunday. This was O'Reilly's career high for faceoff wins. Since the league began keeping faceoff stats 20 years ago only five players have won more than 29 faceoffs in a single regular season game.

5. The Sabres should make sure their players are awake for those opening faceoffs. Against Colorado the defense failed to see a Colorado forward slip behind them for a breakaway only 20 seconds into the game. To make matters even worse, a second Avalanche player joined the play to make it a two on none break in on poor goalie Robin Lehner. How is this possible in an NHL game? It's no wonder this team is in last place.



Ryan O'Reilly Faceoff Wizard.

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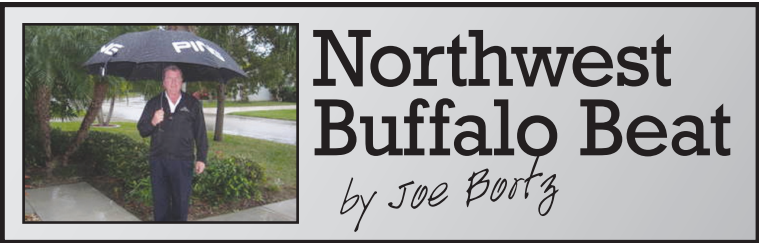
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When was the last time you received a letter in the mail? Probably been a while. And probably a good thing as it would take forever for you to have it delivered by the good old United States Postal System. (USPS). One of the poorest run government agencies in existence today. Good thing for computers and email as it is the only way to communicate with any urgency. Sound like a problem exist with the Post Office? Let me give a few examples.

My birthday was February 7th. One thing that still means something is receiving birthday cards in the mail on your birthday. People still use the PO for sending cards. My daughter sent me her card post marked February 1st. I received it on February 8th. I received three more on the 9th and I know of at least four more that are still not here yet. (as of today February 13th, still at least four cards not received yet). There must be some reason for this as it was not always what we now call snail mail. Probably the fact that sending letters by mail is a thing of the past and has cut into revenue. Still stamps

are not cheap, and mail should be delivered in a timely manner. One positive thing I can say about today's Post Office is that they do deliver priority flat rate packages on time. It is amazing how fast they can turn these items around. So why do they find delivering basic mail so difficult?

Another interesting fact about the PO, is slow down Tuesdays, at our place of business we receive no mail on Tuesdays. Have not for some years now to the point of expecting it. Monday is good and so is the rest of the week. Just Tuesdays. Unless Monday is a holiday. As I understand it, the Union did not like when the PO implemented working on Saturdays. In retaliation Postal workers slow down on Tuesdays. They deny it but still we do not get mail on Tuesdays.

One last thing as I go on about our friendly mail people. It is a tough job in Buffalo with the snow and ice and frigid weather. Here in Florida, (where I spend my winters) there is none of that to contend with. So, most of the Postal workers up North have to be dedicated and hard working. But not all

are so dedicated, and because of that, some postal options are not what the PO claim. Take EDDM, for example, Every Door Direct Mail. Supposedly if you sign up to EDDM in a certain zip code, every mail box will get your mail piece. Sounds great and in most cases, it does work.

We designed a mail piece that had multiple advertisements on it to make it more affordable for smaller businesses. Paid and sent them out EDDM. Worked well in some zips but not so good in others. It is easy to check the delivery as if every door is supposedly a recipient all you do is contact anyone in the zip chosen and see if they received it. Unfortunately, there are some Postal workers who feel every door is asking too much. The Post Office insist that they are all being delivered. Hey, the proof is in the pudding. We even had it down to where we knew the routes that were done poorly. Even with some not doing their job, enough are delivered to

make the project worthwhile with good results.

All in all, the Post office has been around a long time and will most likely exist for a while yet. Remember the PO motto. "Through sleet or snow, rain or shine, the mail must go through". Eventually! By the way do not bother to call, all you get is a busy signal. If you want to reach them, send them a letter.

Birthday: February 16th Dawn Gallagher Jacobson.

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Felonies

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North Buffalo

February 3, 2018

Elmwood Ave. – Complainant reports for home improvement store he manages, the defendant concealed over \$800 worth of merchandise on his person and passed all points of purchase without paying.

February 4, 2018

Linden Ave. – Complainant reports she had a contractor working in her home when she discovered that her credit card was missing. Over \$600 in unauthorized had been put on the card.

February 8, 2018

Parkside Ave. – Complainant reports unknown person(s) gained

entry into his residence by unknown means. Taken, without permission, a large screen television, two smaller televisions and an electronic information device.

Riverside

February 4, 2018

Albert Ave. – Complainant reports unknown person(s) gained entry into her residence by unknown means. Taken, without permission, her 45 inch television.

February 5, 2018

Royal Ave. – Complainant reports an unknown black male approached him from behind, hit him over the head and took off with his wallet, cell phone and ear buds.

February 6, 2018

Peoria St. – Complainant

reports she left her vehicle running in her driveway while returning to the residence for a moment, unknown person(s) got in vehicle and took off.

February 7, 2018

Page St. – Complainant reports unknown person(s) used a brick to smash the passenger side window on her vehicle, which was parked on the street overnight.

West Side

February 7, 2018

Greenwood Pl. – Complainant reports unknown person(s) gained entry into his garage by forcing the lock on the door. Tools valued over \$500 were taken without permission.

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Barton St. – Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained entry into the residence by unknown means. Taken, without permission, two television sets and a lap top computer.



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Ridership Tripled In 2017

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from work further indicates the system is being used as an extension of public transit and to replace trips in a personal vehicle."

Another highlight of the 2017 season included member Robby Takac of the Goo Goo Dolls using a Reddy bike to navigate the grounds for the annual Music is Art Festival held at Buffalo Riverworks in September. "I spent 15 hours darting from place to place on a Reddy Bike at

the MIA Festival this year at Riverworks. When I was done, I accessed the tracking software on the app and it looked like a Family Circus cartoon, pretty cool feature," said Takac.

"Over the next few months, we will look to add some expansion locations for 2018," said White. "We believe 2018 will be another great year for biking in the Buffalo Niagara region with our continued growth in number of stations as well as

partnerships within the community. We will continue to find fun engagement opportunities to allow for folks to get on a Reddy bike for the first time. Once people get past that barrier of being a little nervous with trying something new, it becomes a piece of cake to hop on a Reddy bike as a regular way of getting around Buffalo." For more information please visit www.reddybikeshare.com.

Influenza Still Increasing in Erie County

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pneumonia, be vaccinated. Individuals with medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, morbid obesity, and chronic lung disease are at a higher risk of complications. "The flu is highly contagious and can cause serious respiratory illness. Now is the time to get a flu vaccine if you have not already been immunized this season," said Dr. Gale Burstein, Erie County

Commissioner of Health. "Erie County's flu seasons lasts well into the spring, so we still have a few months of potentially prevalent disease on our community."

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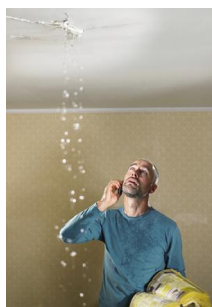
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