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Italian Festival Cancelled



Italian Festival Committee cancels 2021 festival.

Buffalo's Italian Festival has been canceled due to the pandemic for the second straight year. Organizers of the annual Galbani Italian Heritage Festival have

announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event will not take place this year. Organizers say it was a difficult decision to cancel, but important to ensure the

health and safety of their visitors. The festival is usually held in July. Attention is already shifting to 2022. The festival moved to Niagara Square, downtown, in 2019.

Bulk Trash Collection Starts This Week

Mayor Byron W. Brown today reminded Buffalo residents that the City's Department of Public Works, Parks & Streets will kick-off the Spring 2021 Bulk Trash schedule next week. During the week of April 11th,



crews will be picking up bulk trash in the Ellicott District. "In 2020, we were only able to do one round of bulk trash collections due to the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. This year we're able to do Spring and Fall

pick-ups," Mayor Brown said. "I ask residents to follow the guidelines on the amount and type of bulk trash that can be put out for collection." Public Works Commissioner Michael J. Finn said residents in the Ellicott District should prepare to put their bulk trash items at the *Continued on page six.*

Claiming Our Outer Harbor Park

In recent years, Western New Yorkers have rediscovered Buffalo's Outer Harbor: its natural beauty, ecological significance, and recreational opportunities. And local residents have spoken loud and clear: we want this fragile Great Lakes gem to be permanently protected, naturally restored, and publicly accessible.

A free program of the League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednes-

day, April 21, will feature the report Buffalo's Outer Harbor: the Right Place for a World Class Park, presented by Sam Magavern, Senior Policy Fellow of Partnership for the Public Good (PPG).

The League supports designating the Outer Harbor on Buffalo's waterfront as a state park, as do our event co-sponsors: Our Outer Harbor Coalition, 21st Century Park on the Outer Harbor, and PPG. A short video by

Jay Burney, a founder of the Our Outer Harbor Coalition, will introduce the program.

PPG's report analyzes the assets and challenges of the Outer Harbor. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss advocacy for the park proposal and how they can get involved.

The program is free and open to the public. Reservations are required and can be made online at bit. *Continued on page five.*

CAO Programs to Celebrate 50th Week of the Young Child

Community Action Organization of WNY's Head Start programs is celebrating the 50th annual Week of the Young Child (WOYC) April 10-16, 2021, with an emphasis on the importance of early childhood education.

"Our school, along with all the other CAO programs, are so

All CAO's 21 Headstart schools are participating." Home school connection is an essential component of child development.

Chelsea White, CAO's Executive VP and Chief of Education, was especially excited to see the fun-filled week of early childhood educational activities



Community Action Organization of WNY

excited to kick off the Week of the Young Child," said Makkiya Albanna, Principal of CAO Head Start's McKinley Academy. "During this week, we'll be sending activities for families to do at home with their children. After they're done with these activities, they'll be sending videos and pictures that we will share to highlight this week on social media.

celebrating children, their teachers, families, and our community. CAO is committed to providing high-quality early childhood education that shapes the foundation for lifelong learning and educational success.

"Head Start provides services to pregnant women and early childhood education and hu- *Continued on page five.*

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



Thursday, September 5th, 2013, the Buffalo Zoo unveiled its new entrance to the public.

Local Weather

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SPORTS
 By Bill Snyder

Getting Ready For Baseball!

A year without baseball or softball in Shoshone Park hasn't hurt the Hertel North Park Youth League in Shoshone Park. In fact, it's actually helped.

With just 23 days left until Opening Day May 8th, the 64 year old league has come back strong after having cancelled their 2021 season due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. When the league yells "play ball!" next month, a record number of boys and girls will be ready to play. As this column goes to press, a record 930 children will put 2020 behind them as a bad memory and face their school friends again in North Buffalo.

"We're overwhelmed by our new number of registered players this season," said League board members after a Saturday morning zoom meeting. "We're glad that the League is growing, despite the Pandemic and having cancelled our season last year. It's indicative of North Buffalo parents wanting value in their child's life from an early age. It's nice to know we offer this for the Community."

A team of League board members, numbering close to 20, have been working hard over several months, beginning late last year to ensure a new season can start before Mother's Day this year. Saturday, they viewed the numbers of signed up players and determined how many teams would be in each division and how many players would make up a team. No decisions were made as to which team a Joe or a Mary would be on yet but the team would have the same amount of players.

Everyone in Hertel North Park is a volunteer. Board members spend countless hours in the Park, located on Hertel Avenue near Main Street to prepare a new season. Much work needs to be done and several do many tasks while working full-time, raising a family or going to School. Soon the League will hold a Park clean-up where more volunteers will beautify Shoshone of excess weeds and debris. Hertel North Park has always been a reason why many families have chosen to live in North Buffalo.

This year, six new teams have been added to nearly half of the competitive divisions that make up little league baseball in Shoshone Park. These teams are instructional for boys and girls and are all played at night during the week and on Saturdays. There's a new Cardinals team for

girls, 12 and under. The Tigers will join nine other teams in a boys 10 and under division. The Angels and Twins will join 10 other teams in Rookie Boys and the Comets and Stars will be added to the Rookie Girls division.

Now, with the new teams ready to go, parents are being asked to serve as volunteer coaches for the league, a year that runs from May until August. Each team will make the Playoffs but a volunteer parent can help make a child's Summer that much happier. If you wish to help coach a youth team this summer, the Park phone number is 862-0243 and someone will return your call.

Each year, generous financial support of local businesses helps the league continue. This year is no exception. If you know of a business who might like to sponsor a team in Hertel North Park, the cost is \$175 and would put your name and business logo on the back of a players jersey for one year. For more information, go to the League's website www.hnpybl.com or call 862-0243.

It's almost time to Play Ball!



Don Morris, president of the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League and team managers are getting ready to open a new season of North Buffalo Baseball and Softball in Shoshone Park. The 64 year old league had to cancel their season last year due to the pandemic but they will make sure everyone will be safe with clean and sanitized facilities this summer. The season opens on Saturday May 8th.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo April 12, 2021

Hertel Avenue – Complainant for Dash's states that defendant did take items without permission and did pass all points of purchase (total \$30.00.) During the course of his actions and while security attempted to detain defendant, defendant did cause \$31.54 in damages to store property, did pull fire alarm and did strike complainant in leg with his foot.

April 11, 2021

Taunton Street – Complainant reports that unknown person(s) did go into victim's car parked in driveway without permission and destroy (1) car mirror \$300.00, (1) glove box \$500.00, and vehicle parts (seats) \$1,000.00. Said items and flee in unknown direction.

April 11, 2021

Carmel Road – Victim reports that two males did take from her driveway without permission her vehicle. The males appeared to be younger in surveillance video and did arrive on foot Spare key was left inside of vehicle. Vehicle fled east on Parkside towards Main Street. Victim's work laptop was inside of vehicle trunk. Value approximately \$650.00.

Riverside

April 12, 2021

Amherst Street – Complainant reports that unknown male wearing face mask and black hood pulled overhead door did damage vehicle by using an unknown object to break rear windshield, driver side front and rear windows, driver side taillight and dented vehicle several times. Suspect did then leave a note on front seat. Suspect did also puncture all four tires. This is the second incident at this address. D District lieutenant and detectives on scene. Photo notified. Note taken by D District detective. Homeowner has Ring video footage of incident.

April 12, 2021

Rosedale Street – Victim reports unknown suspect did strike him multiple times with a baseball bat causing a break to victim's left arm. Witness states suspect did also break the living room window to victim's home. Witness states the alter-

cation was caused because suspect believe victim stole his \$40.00 for crack. Witness stated victim did take money for crack and did not give crack or money to suspect causing the suspect to assault victim.

April 12, 2021

Eckhart Street – Victim states that he arrived home from birthday party when suspect did walk up driveway to vehicle of victim and start to strike window of vehicle. Suspect threatened and tried to fight victim. Suspect called victim numerous times when officers were on scene as well. Suspect did violate order of protection by Erie County Sheriff's office.

April 11, 2021

Condon Street – Officers observed fail to stop at stop sign at Condon and Esser. The vehicle did then pull to the side of the road without signaling. DMV inquiry showed no inspection for the vehicle and the vehicle was found to have expired inspection from 3/21. Officer did then observe the defendant make repeated furtive movements and he stated he had a gun in his bag. Patrol officer did the recover a Glock 26 with six rounds in the magazine and none in the chamber and a Glock 19 with zero in the magazine or chamber from black/blue bag on driver's floorboard. Both guns were recovered stolen out of Florida, but no supporting deposition could be located. Guns made safe and clear and submitted by patrol officer.

West Side

April 12, 2021

Auburn Avenue – Victim states that defendant has repeatedly posted threatening messages on social media platforms. In recent weeks there had been an escalation of violence in the messages. Due to recent events victim did feel that the treats may exceed social media and become physical.

April 12, 2021

Grant Street – Victim who is completely blind reports two unknown suspects did tell victim they would help him take money out of the ATM. Because he was blind, suspects did take out \$40.00 and did not give money to victim. Victim began fighting with suspects

when suspect did pull a gun out on victim. Victim did end up with gun and fleeing scene in another party's vehicle and did throw gun of window. Victim will press charges.

April 11, 2021

Ontario at Evelyn Street – While blocking and directing traffic for Buffalo Fire Department at Ontario and Evelyn, defendant did almost strike officers with his vehicle. Defendant did leave scene before stopping for officers. Other officers did stop driver of vehicle on Esser Street. Defendant did have a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. Officers did find open container in said vehicle and defendant did refuse a standard field sobriety test. Once in custody defendant did continuously hit his head against the partition of patrol vehicle. Officers then stopped at Tonawanda and Rano to try to calm down the defendant and then defendant did spit on officer. Defendant was then pepper sprayed by officers to obtain compliance. Defendant was then treated on scene by AMR and transported to ECMC to be seen. While at ECMC AIU officers did attempt to conduct a chemical breath test to which the defendant refused. Officer did read defendant DWI warnings at ECMC. Upon being discharged from ECMC officers did transport the defendant to Central Booking for routine processing. Said vehicle was impounded.

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Because of the COVID19 situation, the shelter is closed to the general public. If you would like to meet any of the adoptable dogs, please fill out an application online (if you are not already pre-approved), call the shelter, and leave a message with your name and phone number and the dog you're interested in. Have patience, and they will call you back when they can. From there, a time will be scheduled for you to come and meet the dog. Please be patient, and remember they are very short staffed at the moment. Applications can be found at <https://friendsofcbas.org/adopt>

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5 "Ben- —"

8 Lawman Wyatt

12 "Frozen" snow queen

13 "Right you —!"

14 Computer brand

15 Slightly

16 Actress Long

17 Hindu royal

18 Tidy up

20 Toto, to Dorothy

22 Peyton's brother

23 Commonest English word

24 Easter entrees

27 Vinegar variety

32 X-ray's cousin

33 Chopper

34 Hostel

35 "Becoming" author Obama

38 Read quickly

39 Knock

40 Wildebeest

42 "Yippee!"

45 Held up

49 "Mamma Mia" group

50 Gardner of Hollywood

52 Actress Kate

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56 Minus

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19 Chicago transport

21 UFO crew

24 "Let me think ..."

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30 — pickle

31 Blitzler's channel

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Ask Rusty- When Can I Get Benefits from My Ex-spouse?

Dear Rusty: I know that I am able to get Social Security benefits from my ex-husband. We were married for 16 years and I have not remarried. I will be 60 soon and he is 63. I do not know if he is retired yet, as we do not speak. Please advise when I can collect and how to go about the process. Signed: Divorced Lady

Dear Divorced Lady: Since you were married to your ex for more than 10 years and haven't remarried, you may be able to collect a spousal benefit from your ex-husband when you are 62 years old. Your eligibility will depend upon the amount of your own personal Social Security (SS) benefit compared to your ex's benefit amount, but you cannot collect an ex-spouse benefit before age 62. To be eligible for a benefit from your ex-spouse, you must also claim your personal SS (from your own lifetime work record), and when you claim your own benefit an ex-spouse benefit will be given, if you are entitled to one.

To be eligible for a benefit from your ex-spouse, your personal Social Security retirement benefit at your own full retirement age (FRA) must be less than 50% of the benefit your ex-husband would get at his FRA (note that FRA amounts are used for this determination, regardless of the age at which either of you claim SS). If your FRA benefit amount is less than half of his FRA benefit amount, then you will be entitled to a "spousal boost" to bring your total payment up to your spousal entitlement. But taken at age 62, both of those amounts will be reduced.

Your full retirement age is 67, and if you claim any SS benefit before that it will be reduced. At 62, your personal SS retirement benefit will be cut by 30% and your spousal boost will also be reduced. So, at age 62, the total amount of benefit you could get (your own benefit plus your spousal boost) would be about 32.5% of your ex-husband's FRA benefit amount. Nonetheless, if

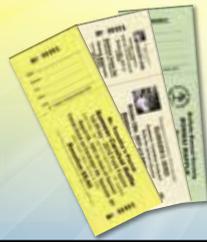
you are comfortable with these benefit reductions, you can claim at age 62 (or any age thereafter) by contacting Social Security or, when the time comes, apply online at www.ssa.gov/applyforbenefits. You will need to provide SS with a copy of your marriage certificate and your final divorce decree, and you will need to know your ex-husband's Social Security number (SSN). If

you do not know his SSN, you'll need to provide his parents' names and his date and place of birth.

If you wish to find out in advance whether you're entitled to an ex-spouse benefit and how much it is estimated to be, you can contact Social Security at 1.800-772-1213, or call your local SS office (find the local office number at www.ssa.gov/locator). Please note that all Social Security offices are temporarily closed to public access due to the pandemic, so calling them is your best current option to get an estimate of your spousal benefit.

One final caution: if you claim SS before your full retirement age and you are working, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before they take back some of your benefits.





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4. In L. Frank Baum's original 1900 novel, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," what color were Dorothy's shoes?

5. In Nathaniel Hawthorne's historical fiction novel, "The Letter," what was the titular letter?

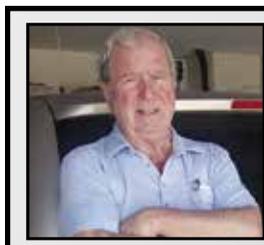
6. In the American comic strip, "Little Orphan Annie," what was the name of Annie's dog?

7. In hockey, what is known as the "Hat Trick"?

8. How many teams are there in the American National Football league?

BONUS! 9. In 1998, who replaced Casey Kasem as host of the American Top 40 radio program?

Last Week's Answers: 1. 1440, 2. Lincoln, 3. approx 3.14, 4. a2+b2=c2, 5. Neil Armstrong, 6. Wednesday, 7. Formerly Pluto, 8. Equal Days and Nights, 9. Marlon Brando, 10. Asia, 11. 186,000 mps; the speed of light for a year, 12. Nebraska, 13. William Shakespeare



Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Barty

When I Was A Kid Part Six

I mentioned World War II in my last column. It started when I was six years old and ended when I was ten. That means in all my formulating years, we were at war. I knew nothing else except that daily life centered on the war effort. I thought that was the way it was and would always be, as I knew no other way.

My world at that time was using ration stamps to buy food and gas was routine. Seeing all the young men leave home to go off to some foreign country and perhaps never returning, this happened too often. Seeing small flags with stars on them in the windows of homes where their young men were in the service. Blue star for each member and some had two, three and more. The star would change to gold if a person in the service would no longer return home. I just recall walking down Fargo Avenue, a typical neigh-

borhood street and see all these flags in the windows. Far too many of them were gold.

They stopped making automobiles during the war years so I thought there would never be new cars again. We had to keep our '35 Ford running as you could not replace it. Used cars, or anything that ran was scarce. Even if you had a car, you had to use it to get you back and forth to work as gas was rationed. No long trips or rides in the country, it was the way it was. In those days everyone was thin, as food was also limited. Meat was rationed so you were only allowed so much per week depending on the size of the family. There was food in the super markets but it was generic with not much to choose from.

Everyone contributed to the war effort. We had a flag in our house with two stars as two of my older brothers served. My older brother was in the Air Force and somewhere in Europe fighting the Germans. My other brother was in the Navy and on a ship. My mom was always in fear of someday getting a telegram or visit notifying us that one of them would not be returning home. It got to the point where the doorbell ringing sent an immediate chill through your spine. We had to live with that but I knew of it being no other way. It was just the way it was. We were at war and no one knew when it would end and who would win.

My dad worked every day but we had limited finances. Still he contrib-

uted part of his pay to buying war stamps which eventually became War Bond. If we won the war, you would get your money back with interest. Of course if we did not win, they were worthless. It was the patriotic duty of all red blooded Americans to buy what they could to support our troops overseas. My dad did that the entire war. In fact they sold the stamps at my school and I used to purchase them for him. Each week whatever he could afford he would have me purchase and bring home these war stamps. Again this became a way of life as I knew no other way.

There was tremendous joy when it was announced that we had defeated Germany in Europe. It was a happy day, but it still was not over. It was called "VE" day. Victory in Europe and it was such a relief. Things were going our way, but we still had the Japanese to contend with. Our boys would not be coming home for good as those who were in Europe, would continue on in the Pacific. It was a happy moment but still not the sigh of relief everyone was looking for.

Finally, in August of 1945 the Japanese surrendered. It is hard to describe the Euphoria of that day, "VJ" day. Victory in Japan, we had won the war. It was over! The tremendous celebration continued for many days and weeks. Like everyone else I was overjoyed and took part, but still did not realize the full meaning of what it meant. I had grown as a toddler into a young boy not knowing any other way. It was not till years later when things returned to normal did I become aware of how it was supposed to be. All those days, all those weeks, all those months and years of being at war and fighting the battle on the home front. I sure hope that never happens again. It will not, at least in the way it did.

Claiming Our Outer Harbor Park

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The League of Women Voters is a good government organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues,

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tinues to provide in-person and virtual learning to meet the needs of families in our communities. CAO programs follow strict COVID-19 safety guidelines to keep children and their families safe." Visit caowny.org for more info.



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Bulk Trash Collection Starts This Week

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curb this weekend.

“DPW is ready to service our residents’ bulk trash needs this year. It’s important that residents remember to set their bulk trash out on the Sunday of your bulk trash week and leave it out for the week. DPW crews work throughout the week to collect the bulk trash for the entire district,” Finn said.

Curbside bulk trash piles cannot exceed 12 ft. long, 3 ft. wide and 3 ft. high.

The 2021 Spring Bulk Trash Schedule is:

- Ellicott District - Week of April 11th
- Fillmore District - Week

of April 18th

Niagara District - Week of May 2nd

Masten District - Week of May 9th

Lovejoy District - Week of May 16th

South District - Week of May 23rd

Delaware District - Week of June 6th

North District - Week of June 13th

University District - Week of June 20th

Electronic trash, such as televisions and computers, are not allowed to be placed in bulk trash. Residents can dispose of electronic trash at 1120 Seneca Street, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. - Noon. The Seneca Street

E-Waste station is also open for drop-offs on the first Saturday of every month, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Senior Citizens and disabled residents may call 311 to make special arrangements for pickup. Tires are not permitted to be disposed of in bulk trash.

The City held its first 2021 Tire Drop-Off on April 4th. Future drop-off dates for residents will be May 22nd, July 24th and September 11th. Tires can be dropped off on those dates at the Broadway Garage, 197 Broadway, from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fall bulk trash collection will run from the week of August 8th through October 17th .

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Index #809020/2016

**NOTICE OF MOTION FOR ORDER
CONFIRMING REFEREE'S REPORT OF SALE
AND FOR REFERENCE IN SURPLUS MONEY
PROCEEDING**

WALTER CROOKALL;
MARINER FINANCE, LLC

Defendant(s)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the affirmation of Robert B. Gitlin, Esq., attorney for the defendant Mariner Finance, LLC, dated November 6th, 2020 showing that surplus monies in the sum of \$14,179.05 have been paid into Court, and upon the Certificate of the Clerk of the County of Erie dated the 13th day of October, 2020 specifying the notices of claims to the surplus monies which have been filed with the Clerk, and showing such unsatisfied liens on the mortgaged premises foreclosed upon, and upon the all the papers and proceedings had herein, a motion pursuant to RPAPL sections 1355 and 1361 will be made before this Court to be held in and for the County of Erie, before the Hon. Dennis E. Ward, J.S.C at Part 12 - 2nd floor, 25 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202 at an I.A.S. Term on the 5TH day of May, 2021, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard for an Order:

- A. Confirming said Report of Sale;
- B. Appointing a Referee to ascertain and report the amount due to Mariner Finance, LLC, or any other person who has a lien or interest in the said surplus monies; and ascertaining the priority of the liens thereon;
- C. Distribution said surplus monies upon the report on such reference; and
- D. Directing such other and further relief as to this court may seem just and proper.

Dated: November 6, 2020
Yours, etc.

ROBERT B. GITLIN, ESQ.
Attorney for Plaintiff
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TO:
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TO: The spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors of decedent Walter R. Crookall, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to the moving party and who may have an interest in the equity of redemption.

LEGAL

Notice of Formation of Thou Art Beautiful Ministries, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/18/21. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Women's Empowerment Ministry, 701 Seneca St. Ste 777, Bflo, NY 14210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 15

Notice of Formation of Marzaliu LLC. Office of the LLC: Erie County, c/o Legalinc Corporate Services Inc, 1967 Wehrle Dr. Buffalo NY14221. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: c/o Legalinc Corporate Services Inc, 1967 Wehrle Dr. Buffalo NY 14221. Purpose of LLC: Web-based art and photography gallery. 15

Notice of Formation of MMG&B REI, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/22/2021. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 29 Monticello Buffalo NY 14214. Any lawful purpose. 18

Notice of Formation of MMCMM, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 306 Hudson St. Buffalo, NY 14201 Suite B1. Any lawful purpose. 19

Notice of Formation of Heavenly Little Bites, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/4/21. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 192 Northland Avenue Buffalo NY 14208. Purpose of LLC: An Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 16

HHT3, LLC, Articles of Org. filed N.Y. Sec. of State (SSNY) Feb. 22, 2021. Office in Erie Co. SSNY design. agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 30 Zittel St., Buffalo, NY 14210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 15

Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Supreme Court, Erie County, of the 1st day of April 2021, bearing index number 816203/2020 a copy of which may be examined at the office of the clerk, located at 25 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York, grants me the right to assume the name of DAVID SOTO. The city and state of my present address is Buffalo, New York. The month and year of my birth are June 1957; the place of my birth is Buffalo, New York; my present name is DAVID MENDEZ. 15

Duprey Construction Family LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/11/21. Office in Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC. 638 Hertel Ave. Apt. 3 Buffalo NY 14207. LLC is to be managed by Ramon Duprey Diaz and Victor Negron. 20

Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Supreme Court, Erie County, on the 29th day of March, 2021, bearing index number 600088/2021, a copy of which

may be examined at the office of the clerk, located at 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY grants me the right to assume the name of Samantha Ann Enright. The city and state of my present address are Cheektowaga, NY; the month and year of my birth are February, 2000; the place of my birth is Buffalo, New York; my present name is Rebecca Ann Lipka. 15

Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Supreme Court, Erie County, on the 7th day of April 2021, bearing index number 804504/2021, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the clerk, located at 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY grants me the right to assume the name of Emily Maeve Ivy. The city and state of my present address are Tonawanda, NY; the month and year of my birth are November, 1993; the place of my birth is Peoria, Illinois; my present name is Drew Lane William Ryan.15

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