



## Assemblyman Sean Ryan **Legislative Update**

July 2012

# Assemblyman Sean Ryan *Accomplishments Western New Yorkers Can Be Proud Of*



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I write to you having finished my very first legislative session in Albany. While I certainly do miss Buffalo while I am away, working in Albany during this legislative session resulted in many great accomplishments that will benefit the people of Buffalo and Western New York. Whether it was passing the prescription drug reform legislation known as I-STOP, or voting to increase

the minimum wage, or passing a bill to increase historic tax credits, I fought hard to deliver results for my district. I am also excited to announce that Governor Cuomo recently signed my very first piece of legislation into law. My bill will increase funding opportunities for the Buffalo River by expanding access to grants that the river is eligible for.

In the coming months there are still challenges that remain in our community. I am going to continue to keep up the pressure on the NFTA to transfer their waterfront property to the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, so that public access can be preserved and development can be jump-started. My legislation to reform the Town Industrial Development Agencies did not make it through the legislature during this session, and the IDAs still retain tremendous power to give away your money. They are still finding new ways to give away the tax revenues from Buffalo and every other community in Erie County to benefit their own agendas. I intend to fight hard to rein in this power held by an unaccountable group.

I will also continue to push for new jobs for our area, and for solutions that will improve our economy. I am proud of my accomplishments so far, and I intend to continue to fight for what is right for this community. It has been great to see that New York State government is working for Buffalo, and I will do my best to see that this progress continues.

Sincerely,

*Sean M Ryan*

Sean M. Ryan

### **Historic Tax Credit Expanded**

This year, I fought to expand the historic tax credit from \$5 million to \$12 million. Just take a look at what historic tax credits did for the Hotel Lafayette in downtown Buffalo. A once abandoned structure has been transformed into a hub of activity that will be a boon for the surrounding area. Expanding this tax credit will jump-start revitalization efforts and help to turn our historic structures into new, usable and functioning buildings, as well as spur job creation and give our economy a much-needed boost.

### **Landmark Legislation Passed to Curb Prescription Drug Abuse**

One of my top priorities this year was passing the I-STOP bill which will reform the way drugs are prescribed, and help to stop prescription drug abuse. The I-STOP bill will create an online, real-time database to track the dispensing of prescription drugs. This bill will protect access by patients with a legitimate need for controlled substances while at the same time ensuring that no patient can go doctor shopping to acquire unnecessary quantities of drugs. To put it simply, this bill will save lives.

### **Funding Opportunities Expanded for the Buffalo River**

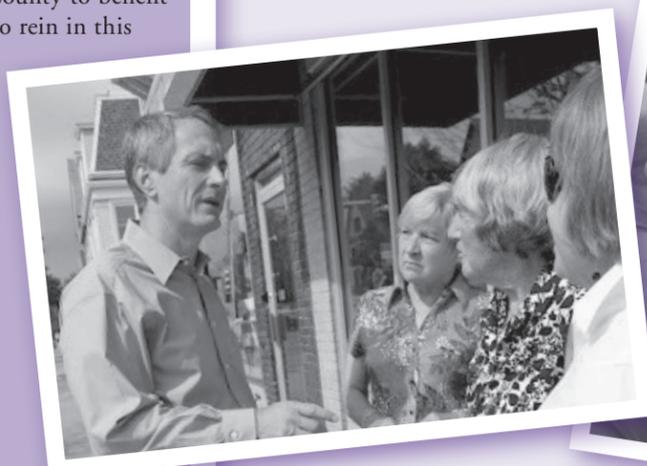
My very first piece of legislation that was signed into law was a bill to expand funding opportunities for the Buffalo River. The bill adds the Buffalo River to a list of designated inland waterways, making it eligible for millions more in state and federal grants.

### **Voted To Increase the Minimum Wage**

During this year's legislative session, I voted for legislation to raise New York State's minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 an hour and index it to inflation. This increase will ensure hardworking families across New York would not have to choose between paying their rent or purchasing food for their family.

*"I believe the history books will show that this Legislative Session was among the most productive and broadest-reaching in modern political history."*

— Governor Cuomo



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# Summer 2012 Waterfront Events

## Recurring Events

**150 Years of Buffalo Science** Canalside  
Family programming, various programs on the Central Wharf

Every Monday and Wednesday  
11 a.m.–2 p.m. from July 2 to August 29

## Fitness at Canalside

*Yoga with the YMCA on the Central Wharf Grass Area*

Every Monday and Wednesday from  
June 25 to August 29

## Zumba Fitness

Central Wharf  
Every Tuesday 7–8 p.m. from  
July 10 to August 28

## The Waz Solo Electro-Live

Canalside  
*Interactive modern music on the Central Wharf*

Tuesdays 8–9 p.m. from  
July 17 to August 14

## Concerts every Wednesday from

**July 11–August 29 Aboard the USS Little Rock** Canalside

## Puppet Shows at Canalside

Buffalo Niagara's Enchanted Landscape  
Tuesday, July 10, 4–5 p.m.

Songs of the Erie Canal Puppet Show

Friday, July 13, 4–5 p.m.

Giant Mechanical Puppets

Friday, July 20, 4–5 p.m.

Songs of the Erie Canal Puppet Show

Monday, August 6, 2–3 p.m.

Buffalo Niagara's Enchanted Landscape

Tuesday, August 7, 4–5 p.m.

Giant Mechanical Puppets

Monday, August 13, 2–3 p.m.

Songs of the Erie Canal Puppet Show

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Giant Mechanical Puppets

Monday, August 27, 2–3 p.m.

Songs of the Erie Canal Puppet Show

Thursday, August 30, 4–5 p.m.

## Thursday at the Harbor Canalside

*Weekly concerts featuring different artists each week on Thursdays, 5–9:30 p.m.*

July 12: Seether

July 19: Young the Giant

July 26: Arkells

August 2: The Jesus and Mary Chain

August 9: The Mighty Mighty Bosstones

August 16: Salt & Pepa

August 23: Matt Nathanson

## Explore & More Canalside

*Family Fun on the Central Wharf*

Fridays 12–4 p.m. from

July 6 to August 17

## Saturday Artisan Market Canalside

*A show and sale showcasing WNY's most talented artists and crafters on the Central Wharf*

*Saturdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m.:*

July 21, August 11, August 18,

September 8, and September 22

## Erie Canal Harbor Story Walking Tour

Canalside

One Hour Guided Walking Tour

Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

12–1 p.m. through the end of September

## Young Audiences of WNY

Canalside, 1 Naval Park

*Local history family program on the Central Wharf on the following dates and times:*

Saturday, July 14, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Sunday, July 15, 12–2 p.m.

Saturday, July 21, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Sunday, July 22, 12–2 p.m.

Saturday, August 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Sunday, August 12, 12–2 p.m.

Saturday, August 18, 12–2 p.m.

Sunday, September 2, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Sunday, September 9, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

## Canalside Comes to Life: Building the

**Canal from the Top Down**

Historic Ruins

*Historic performance by*

*MusicalFare Theatre*

Friday, July 13, 5–9 p.m.

Friday, August 10, 1–5 p.m.

Sunday, August 12, 5–9 p.m.

Saturday, August 18, 5–9 p.m.

Sunday, September 2, 2–6 p.m.

Saturday, September 8, 5–9 p.m.

Sunday, September 9, 2–6 p.m.

## Music and Dance Performances

Historic Ruins

Sunday, July 22, 7–9 p.m.

Bread and Onions

Monday, July 23 7–9 p.m.

Boppin' in the Ruins with the

Buffalo Bob Sextet

Sunday, July 29, 7–9 p.m.

Blanche Dubois

Monday, July 30, 7–9 p.m.

El Grupo Veridad

Monday, August 6, 7–9 p.m. Babik

Sunday, August 12, 7–9 p.m.

Buffalo Ballroom Theatre

Saturday, August 18, 8–9 p.m.

Inhabiting Memories

Sunday, August 19, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Symphony by Michele Costa

Sunday, August 19, 8–9 p.m.

Inhabiting Memories

Monday, August 20, 7–9 p.m. Rhythmic

Landscapes-A Percussion Journey

## Erie Canal Sal

Canalside  
*Life aboard and Erie Canal Packet boat,*

*performed by Gretchen Murray Sepik in*

*the Historic Ruins*

Friday, July 27, 2–3 p.m.

Saturday, July 28, 2–3 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29, 2–3 p.m.

## Across New York State

Central Wharf  
*A family concert by The Hill Brothers*

Friday, July 13, 7–8 p.m.

Saturday, July 21, 7–8 p.m.

Friday, August 17, 6–7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 29, 3–5 p.m.

Friday, September 7, 6–7 p.m.



## Canalside Archaeology Dig site

bordered by Main, Hanover – East of Skyway Pier, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

*Digging for the story of Buffalo*

July 11, July 21, July 25, July 28,

August 1, August 11, August 18, August 22

## Handmade Filmmaking with Squeaky

Wheel Canalside

*Family Program on the Central Wharf*

12–4 p.m. on these dates:

Wednesday, July 11

Friday, August 17

## Buffalo and Beyond Black History

Canalside

*Black history in Buffalo presented by Car-*

*men Suans, presented in the Historic Ruins*

Sunday, July 22, 3–4 p.m., 5–6 p.m.

## The Canalside Street String Band

Historic Ruins

Monday, July 23, 5–7 p.m.

Monday, July 30, 5–7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 22, 5–7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 29, 3–5 p.m.

Sunday, September 9, 5–7 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
July 16–18, July 23–25, 2–5 p.m.

## Local Young Playwrights

Festival Historic Ruins

*Original plays sponsored by the American Repertory Theater of WNY*

Sunday, July 22, 2–5 p.m.

## Learning to See Historic Ruins

Central Wharf

*Hosted by Locust Street Neighborhood Art Classes & The El Museo Francisco Oller y Diego Rivera*

Saturday, July 28, 6–10 p.m.

## Gospel Meets Jazz Canalside

*Performance by Masten Jazz*

Sunday, July 29, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

## 2nd Annual Music Is Art Summer Stu-

## dent Showcase Canalside

*A music festival featuring the best student musicians from area school districts' summer music programs*

Saturday, August 4, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.,

Sunday, August 5, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

## Buffalo Creek Native Festival

Canalside

*A two-day family oriented festival showcasing an often overlooked segment of Buffalo's history and culture, that of the Seneca and other*

*Haudenosaunee people who inhabited the Buffalo Creek Reservation prior to the 1840's*

Friday, August 10, 7–8 p.m.

## African American Cultural Center &

**Buffalo Ballet** Central Wharf

*Modern dance performance*

Saturday, August 18, 4–5 p.m.

## Drums to Drums Along Buffalo Creek

Central Wharf

*West African & Native American Dance & Drum Demonstration*

Sunday, August 19, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

## Clutch Artists Autorama at Canalside

*A massive show of classic cars on the Central Wharf & Cobblestone Streets*

Friday, August 24, 5–11 p.m.,

Saturday, August 25, 12–11 p.m.,

Sunday, August 26, 12–11 p.m.

## Buffalo Irish Festival Enter at

**Lloyd at Prime Street**

*A celebration of Irish Culture with music, dance, theatre, food & drink*

Thursday, August 30, 4–7 p.m.

## Arena Painting

Central Wharf  
*With Charles Clough/Cluffalo Studio*

Sunday, September 9, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

## Holistic Health Expo

Canalside

Wednesday, September 12 –

Monday, September 17, 10–11 a.m.

## U.S. Navy Fleet –

**Operation Sail** Canalside

*For details call 716-847-1773*

Thursday, September 13 –

Tuesday, September 18, 10–11 a.m.

## Tall Ship Visit featuring U.S. Brig

**Niagara** Canalside

Saturday, September 22, 2–10 p.m.

## Oktoberfest at Canalside 2012

*Grass area bordered by*

*Lloyd, Prime, and Hanover*

## Summer Festivals

**Echo Art Fair**

July 7–8, 2012, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Larkin Center

## Taste of Buffalo

July 7–8, 2012, Sat: 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

Sun: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Delaware Avenue from Chippewa to

Niagara Square

## Sorrento Cheese Italian Heritage

**Festival of Buffalo**

July 12–15, 2012, Thurs/Fri/Sat:

11 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun: 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

Hertel Avenue, Buffalo

## Macedonian Festival

July 13–15, 2012, 5 p.m.–1 a.m.;

11 a.m.–1 a.m.; 1 p.m.–11 p.m.

Location: Sts. Cyril & Methody

Macedonian Orthodox Church

## Grease Pole Festival

July 13–15, 2012, 5 p.m.–11 p.m.;

12 p.m.–11 p.m.; 12 p.m.–11 p.m.

Olivencia Comm. Ctr–261 Swan St.

## Wild Renn Fest

July 14–22, 2012, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center

655 Luther Road,

East Aurora

## Canal Fest of the Tonawanda

July 15–22, 2012

Gateway Harbor Park

## Cheektowaga

**Polish American Festival**

July 20–22, 2012

Cheektowaga Town Park

## Hamburg BurgerFest

July 21, 2012, Time: N/A

Village of Hamburg

## Roycroft Summer Festival

June 23–24, 2012, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Historic East Aurora

## Buffalo Infringement Festival

July 26–August 5, 2012, Time: Varies

Various locations in Allentown

## Gospel Fest

July 28, 2012, 2 p.m.–9 p.m.

MLK Park—Fillmore Ave. & Best St.

## Garden Walk Buffalo

July 28–July 29, 2012, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

## East Aurora Street Festival &

**Sidewalk Sale**

July 28, 2012, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Historic Main Street, East Aurora

## Glen Park Art Festival

July 28–29, 2012, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Glen Park Tavern

## Teddy Bear Picnic

August 1, 2012, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Botanical Gardens