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ECHDC and Outer Harbor Management Group Announces Summer 2016 Outer Harbor Programming and Events Schedule

Daily activities, fitness, food and drink are all part of the fun planned for Buffalo's Outer Harbor

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) and the newly created Outer Harbor Management Group (OHMG) today announced their exciting 2016 season of new site amenities, summer events and public-access programming, ensuring that Buffalo's Outer Harbor waterfront will be a destination for the entire Western New York community as well as our region's visitors.

Taking advantage of one of downtown's most picturesque locations, visitors to the Outer Harbor will be able to partake in fitness classes, rent bikes or water sport equipment or just enjoy an amazing summer sunset with delicious food and drinks at the Wilkeson Pointe Concessions and Beer Garden. In addition, more than 20 special events are already planned throughout the summer, starting with Architects of Air, a unique inflatable maze of winding paths and soaring domes designed to generate a sense of wonder at the beauty of light and color, on Opening Weekend, May 26 to 30.

Visit www.outerharborbuffalo.com for a complete calendar of events, featuring July 4th Fireworks Extravaganza, the BNBA Buffalo Beer Fest, Thunder at the Outer Harbor Racing Boat and Hot Rod show, and the 35th Annual Buffalo Irish Festival. Information on all fitness and equipment rentals can also be found on the site or on Outer Harbor's social media accounts, www.facebook.com/OuterHarborBuffalo or @OuterHarborBFLO on Twitter and Instagram.

"This will be the summer our community and its tourists discover Buffalo's Outer Harbor and I'm sure they will keep coming back to enjoy its natural beauty," said Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation Chairman Robert Gioia. "Outer Harbor Management Group has worked hard to come up with fun recreational activities, as well as amenities to help visitors unwind. We hope you take the time to come enjoy it yourself."

“A collection of parks and public places along the Outer Harbor invites people to visit the new, historic and natural attractions available along the water’s edge,” said Congressman Higgins. “The expansion of public programming gives people another reason to explore Buffalo’s front lawn to the Great Lakes.”

“With the tremendous support of the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, as well as Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown, County Executive Mark Poloncarz and all our elected officials, the Outer Harbor Management Group has brought our family-friendly event-based programming that fans have enjoyed for many years at Coca-Cola Field to one of the most picturesque areas of our region,” said Jonathan A. Dandes, President of Rich Baseball Operations. “The new Outer Harbor waterfront will combine public access to fitness and leisure activities with fun-filled events to create a must-attend destination for both Buffalonians and our region’s visitors.”

Wilkeson Pointe Consumer’s Beverages Concession and Beer Garden will open starting Thursday, May 26 at 2 p.m. Its regular hours will be 11 a.m. to 8 pm. Monday through Sunday. The concession area will feature light snacks, Coca-Cola products, Try-It Distributing products and other local craft beers.

Daily activities at Wilkeson Pointe include bike rentals and water sport, including kayaks, paddle boards and water bikes rentals from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Fitness programs will be offered throughout the summer, including a paddle board yoga class in the early mornings throughout the summer; Love in Motion Yoga at 9 a.m. on Saturday mornings (starting June 4) and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings (starting June 1); and a summer long “Power-Hour At the Pointe” fitness class every Saturday at 8 a.m. starting June 4. More activities will be announced in the coming weeks.

Highlights of the 2016 Programming and Events Season include:

- May 26-May 30: Architects of Air
- June 1-June 5: UniverSoul Circus
- June 18: BNBA Buffalo Beer Fest
- June 19: Bisons Father’s Day Play Catch With Dad
- July 2: Bubble Run 5K
- July 3: 3rd of July Celebration
- July 4: 4th of July Celebration
- July 10: Budding Tree Yoga Festival
- July 16: National Beer Mile and
- July 16: Labatt Undomesticated Games
- July 23-24: Thunder at the Outer Harbor, Boat Show and Hot Rod Show
- August 6: Saba/Labatt’s Kick Ball Tournament
- August 20: Butterfly Event
- August 26-28: Buffalo Irish Festival
- September 9-11: Oktoberfest
- September 17: Xtreme Air 5K

Keep checking www.outerharborbuffalo.com for our full schedule of events and activities. For a [2016 Outer Harbor Special Events flyer click here](#), for an [Outer Harbor daily programming flyer click here](#) and for the [OHMG logo click here](#).

City of Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown said, "Revitalizing Buffalo's waterfront for public enjoyment continues to be a top priority for this administration and I look forward to the many new and exciting summer events planned for Buffalo's Outer Harbor. New Parks, improved parkways and open spaces now line our waterfront, drawing residents and visitors to our city's greatest natural asset. I would like to acknowledge Governor Andrew Cuomo, the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, the Outer Harbor Management Group and our other partners in government for their continued commitment to our shared goal of improved access and activity along Buffalo's waterfront."

Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, "Summertime fun is just minutes away from downtown Buffalo but worlds away from what people might expect on our waterfront; the beauty of nature is accompanied by activities and events that the whole family can enjoy. Take a few hours or a whole day to explore and enjoy summer right here in Erie County."

About Outer Harbor Management Group

The Outer Harbor Management Group is an event management team of Be Our Guest, LTD, a subsidiary of Rich Products Corporation. The Outer Harbor Management Group is committed to the world class management and execution of daily programming and events at Buffalo's Outer Harbor. Working collaboratively with our government and public partners, our mission is to provide the WNY community with public access and creative programming that maximizes this unique space on Buffalo's waterfront.

About Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation

The Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) is governed by a nine-member board consisting of seven voting directors and two non-voting, ex-officio directors. The seven voting directors are recommended by the New York State Governor and are appointed by the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development as sole shareholder of ECHDC. The two nonvoting, ex-officio director positions are held by the Erie County Executive and the City of Buffalo Mayor.

As a subsidiary of Empire State Development, the state's chief economic development agency, the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation supports and promotes the creation of infrastructure and public activities at Canalside, the Ohio Street corridor and the Outer Harbor that is attracting critical mass, private investment and enhance the enjoyment of the waterfront for residents and tourists in Western New York. Its vision is to revitalize Western New York's waterfront and restore economic growth to Buffalo based on the region's legacy of pride, urban significance and natural beauty. For more information on ECHDC, visit www.eriecanalharbor.com.

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