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Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation Announces Schedule for Buffalo's Fourth of July Celebration on the Waterfront

Dazzling fireworks display will be provided by Russell Salvatore

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) today announced its exciting schedule for the Fourth of July, featuring a wide variety of activities at Canalside and the Outer Harbor. The free Independence Day events will culminate with Canalside's Official City of Buffalo Fireworks display, presented by Russell J. Salvatore for the third year. The event is also supported by Canalside's Premiere Partner, KeyBank. The fireworks, by Skylihter Fireworks, can be viewed at Canalside or the Outer Harbor and will be synced to music provided by Mix 96 FM. Whether you celebrate at the Outer Harbor or come to Canalside, expect to see the sky explode in color with one of the biggest fireworks displays Western New York has ever seen. The event's rain date is Tuesday, July 5.

"Just when you thought Buffalo's Official July 4th Celebration couldn't get any better, the Outer Harbor and Canalside join forces to take the fun and festivities to a whole new level," said Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation Chairman Robert Gioia. "We thank Russell Salvatore for his generous donation of fireworks and look forward to enjoying the additional activities planned for the Outer Harbor."

"I am so proud to once again be involved with 'Buffalo's Official July 4th Celebration,'" said Russell J. Salvatore. "When the fireworks fill the sky make sure you are tuned to Mix 96 FM to get the full feeling of patriotic pride. And to ensure it also looks colorful on the ground, everyone should dress from head to toe in red, white and blue."

There will be children's activities from noon to 6 p.m. at Canalside with plenty of food trucks on site. No outside food, beverage or pets will be allowed. Folding chairs and blankets are welcome.

Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of live music on the main stage at Canalside starting at noon and at Wilkeson Pointe starting at 4 p.m.

There will also be a beer garden and plenty of food and patriotic souvenir vendors on the Outer Harbor.

“The Outer Harbor Management Group is proud to be part of the City of Buffalo’s 4th of July celebrations,” said Jonathan Dandes from Outer Harbor Management Group and President of Rich Baseball Operations. “The Outer Harbor offers the residents of Western New York another venue to celebrate Independence Day with prime viewing areas for fireworks and opportunities during both the day and night to enjoy the waterfront with live music and food and beverage at Wilkeson Pointe.”

For anyone planning to use the Queen City Bike Ferry to get back and forth between the Outer Harbor and Canalside, be aware it only runs until 8 p.m. on the Fourth of July so bicyclists will need to utilize Ohio Street after that.

Check out the full schedule of events for the Fourth of July and find detailed parking information at canalsidebuffalo.com and outerharborbuffalo.com.

About Canalside

Canalside is a growing regional destination and entertainment district, situated on 21 historic acres along downtown Buffalo’s emerging waterfront on the Buffalo River. Canalside earns its name from its storied past, when the Erie Canal Harbor was built in 1825 as the western terminus of the Erie Canal. Until six years ago, the land was barren and inaccessible, but the area has been reclaimed by the state’s Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp. and developed with public and private investment. With more than 1,000 yearly events, Canalside is fast becoming the go-to place for in- and out-of-towners of all ages to learn, play and relax. For more information, visit www.canalsidebuffalo.com.

About Outer Harbor

Buffalo’s Outer Harbor is where the natural beauty of Lake Erie meets the hum and buzz of downtown Buffalo. The Outer Harbor hosts large events and daily activities of all types and strives to provide public access to the land and waterways on the Lake Erie shoreline. Operated by the Outer Harbor Management Group, part of Be Our Guest, LTD, a subsidiary of Rich Products, the Outer Harbor is open for business and is the new jewel of the ongoing resurgence happening in Buffalo. For more information, visit www.outerharborbuffalo.com.

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