



**Erie Canal Harbor
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Canalside Introduces Changes to Concert Security and Guest Experience

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC), in conjunction with City of Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown and the Buffalo Police Department, will introduce several changes to its security and guest experience protocol at the free Thursday Concert Series and other major events at Canalside. The continued safety of Canalside guests is our top priority and the new procedures will strengthen and standardize the security and public safety practices for the site.

There will be zero tolerance for any unruly individuals or those looking to cause trouble at the waterfront. Several measures will be taken—some immediately and some in the future— to increase public safety:

- Additional Buffalo Police Officers will be stationed at Canalside to assist Canalside's private security team in enforcement of rules.
- Buffalo Police Department will establish a substation at Canalside.
- Increased presence of Buffalo Peacemakers, an organization that provides guidance and mentoring to at-risk youth.
- Increased lighting to illuminate dark areas.
- Better control at site perimeters (e.g., double fencing).
- Enhanced security screening.

Please also note the following changes to the concert and large event security policy that will be occurring over the next several weeks:

- Any patron who has been ejected and attempts re-entry will be charged with criminal trespassing.
- Gates close at 9:30 p.m. and no one will be allowed into the concert after that time.
- No backpacks will be allowed.

As has been the case for all concerts and large events this season, all patrons are subject to security screening at the entry gates.

ITEMS THAT MUST BE PLACED ON THE SECURITY INSPECTION TABLES:

- ALL METAL
- Bags (Bag Policy – only diaper bags and small purses/handbags are permitted)
- Cell Phones
- Keys
- Electronic Devices
- Chairs

PROHIBITED ITEMS AT CANALSIDE CONCERTS

- Backpacks
- Weapons of any kind
- Illegal drugs/drug paraphernalia
- Fireworks
- Glass containers
- Outside food or beverage, including coolers
- All professional video and photo cameras
- Recording devices
- Selfie sticks, Tripods or Monopods
- Laser pointers
- Air Horns
- Animals (unless a service animal)
- Bicycles (within the secure perimeter)
- Any item deemed inappropriate or dangerous by security

In addition, this season there are new protocols regarding alcohol consumption.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

- Any guest who is deemed intoxicated upon arrival will not be permitted to enter.
- Anyone under the age of 21 who possesses alcohol will be ejected from the site.
- Any adult who provides alcohol to somebody under the age of 21 will be ejected.
- Staff may ask for proof of age from anyone wishing to purchase alcohol.
- There will be a maximum of two beers sold to any one person.
- Anyone who staff believes to be intoxicated will be immediately ejected.

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 five 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 millions of dollars in public and private investment. With more than 1,000 yearly events and nearly 1 million annual visitors, 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 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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