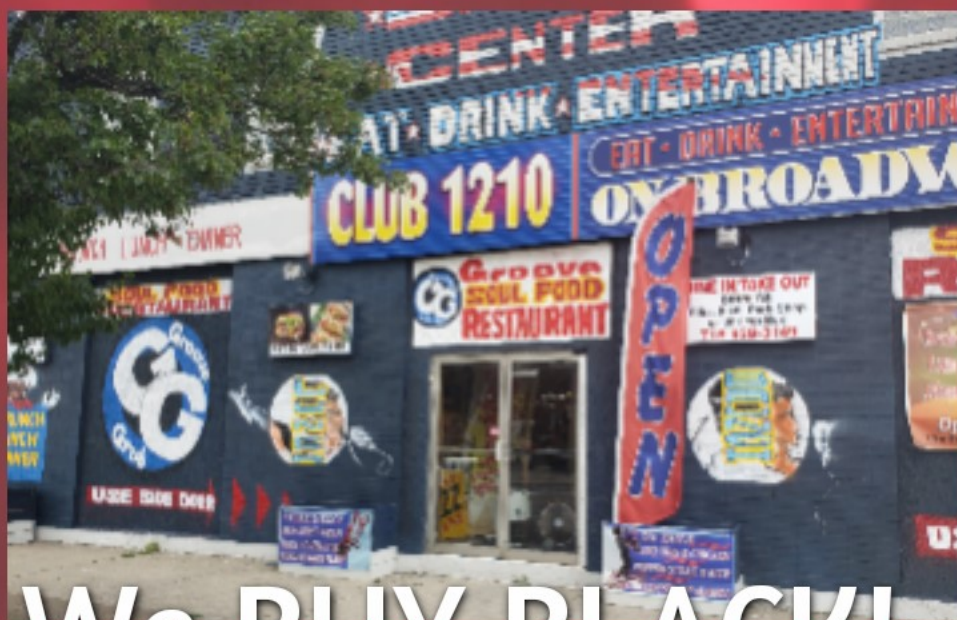


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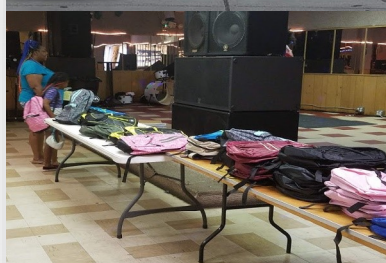
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COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Over the Years, We've taken the opportunity to build our Communities Connection by hosting a Variety of Events that would Bridge the Gap between Every Age and Culture.
Here's a Glimpse of a Few Notable COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT EVENTS that have taken place at 1210 Broadway.

SLOW ROLL BUFFALO
CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE
BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

LET'S Connect Our Community!



THE POWER **G** GREATER THAN ME

WE ARE ALL BORN TO DIE.

It's called the cycle of life. As we are humans, we all know this to be true. Although we are challenged in the way we will exit this world, we're all born as sinners and it's in our human nature to fall to many temptations set before us.

But, For Him, Through Him, and To Him, WE ALL CAN BECOME SAINTS.

Personally, I have played with my "Saul" for years before meeting my "Paul."

Drinking and drugging was an everyday priority and by any means necessary; My Addiction was Fulfilled.

If you looked at my upbringing, one would question ***How Did I Get Here!?***

I was fortunate to have both parents in the home while growing up, which nowadays in the urban neighborhood is a rarity. ***My dad***; a Vietnam War veteran, Coal Miner, and a Ford Plant Supervisor. ***My mom***; a Southern Belle, who could see no wrong in any human being that walk this earth. A true agent of Jesus Christ! Forgiving is her second nature. ***For Myself***; I was a scholarship Athlete; who went to a prestigious school: Canisius College, a division A-1.

However, College life would've taken a backseat due to the lure of the street-life being far more exciting than all the hard work of staying in the books of a college institution!

What I took for granted, others would tell me how uniquely talented I was. The art of playing ball became so simple that I didn't take the pursuit of the NBA serious enough! The streets are so easy to capture a person's interest. There's no rules and no accountability; lies and cheating moves you up the ladder in the challenge of street superiority. Once you're ingrained with lies and start to cheat so much, you don't even know how to keep it real with yourself.

Drinking and drugging took me through various institutions and that's when I began to read again! I learned the Law and became a Paralegal. I learned the Word and began to walk with my Paul.

IT'S A NEW DIRECTION NOW.

**No more being driven by street savvy guidance,
now the manifestation of the word is
guiding me!**

In 2008, I worked out a deal and negotiations began with Amvets to purchase the building located at 1210 Broadway. A monthly payment Land Deal!

We used the licenses that were issued from City Hall to Amvets as I rented the building until the land deal was complete. During that period, the Amvets license to assemble could occupy 900 people and was in compliance. We had no problems from any of the Authorities. Once City Hall learned that I was the owner of 1210 Broadway, the same authorities are now in full swing using all the tricks of frustration to make one quit and give up; started to surface.

***Once I was a child,
I did childish things, acted in
childish ways.
Now that I have become an
adult, I put away the childish
ways and now walking and
acting as an adult!***

THE POWER G GREATER THAN ME

GATHERING LIMITATIONS

First Attempt to Defeat New Minority Owners

The license requirement which allowed the previous venue (the Bingo Hall) to safely assemble over 900 people at a time on any given day at this very same location *suddenly changed*.

As a result of the change in ownership, how does the Building lose the same assembly benefit?

When the white owner had the building assembly there was no issue; now in the hands of black ownership the building loses assembly! I knew we did nothing wrong, so we challenged the unreasonableness of the assembly issue. We requested the services of a local Architect Mr. Tommaso Briatico and *in his conclusion*, the building does not lose assembly. In addition he gave his assessment of doing business with City Hall. While working with the Division of Licensing/Inspections Department on the 3rd Floor, there is no—NO! *It is as simple as following the manual of doing business in the City of Buffalo*. There's rules and regulations are similar to by-laws that you follow and you get what you are applying for.

If you're in Compliance and have been Denied the Opportunity to Business, then you Take it to the Courts for Discrimination!

-ZONE REQUIREMENTS-

When you choose the location of a business, it is the purpose of the 3rd floor of City Hall to advise you on what is needed for you to properly do business in this city.

There are specifications for each area of the address in which you're looking to open.

Your skin color has absolutely nothing to do with it, it's all about the manual!!!

Prior to meeting the Architect Mr. Tommaso Briatico, I would have fallen back into my old habits of solutions to problems. Resorting to street savvy ways which would've given instant satisfaction but a violation of rules and regulations waiting to be served by one of the city inspectors.

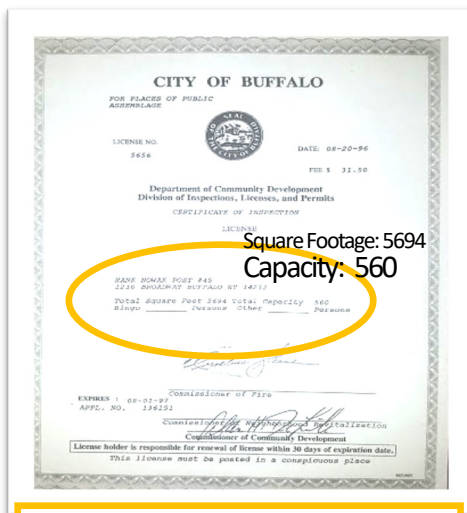
SETTING TRAPS

A Trap Has Been Set for Minorities to Become Frustrated to Close!

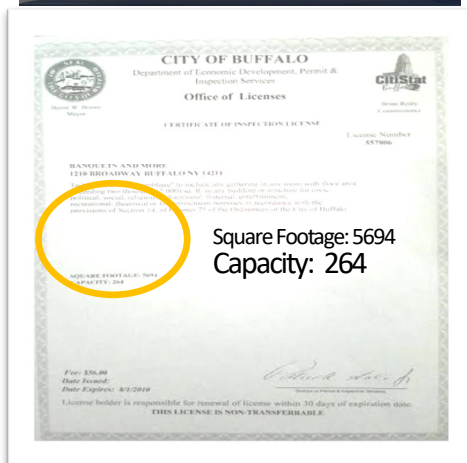
The oppressor set such traps for your downfall so that your frustration will grow and make you quit. If you don't fall for one trick he will try and try again!

Mr. Pat Sole, the Director of licenses and permits also owns a nightclub. The one who is in charge of signing the licenses has the ability to give himself all the permits needed to doing business in the City of Buffalo! If your business is in competition with his business and both businesses are entertaining the same customer base; *How easy is it for Mr. Pat Sole to make it difficult for you, the minority business owner to open? How easy is it for Mr. Pat Sole to place stipulations on your business and not his?*

This is Called a Conflict of Interest!



LICENSES ISSUED BY CITY OF BUFFALO
***SAME BUILDING—SAME USE
NO CHANGES—EXCEPT MINORITY OWNERSHIP
***NOTICE: CAPACITY DISCREPENCY



THE POWER GREATER THAN ME

INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE OPPRESSION

The Director of Licenses and Permits went into and so far as to Commit a Crime!

He falsified official documents with a stamp seal from City Hall! This director sent documents stating the upper level of 1210 Broadway was deemed as a storage! We never bought this property for use of storage on any level of the instant property at 1210 Broadway! *In addition to the storage claim, the director also adjusted the number of patrons who would be allowed inside the building.* From the beginning, at the time it was built up until the time when Amvets had ownership of this location; the number of patrons allowed were 500 downstairs and 329 upstairs. (*See Page 11—a Brief History of 1210 Broadway*)

Now that ownership has shifted to the minority:

This location has been Reduced to Hold 43 people on Lower Level and Upper Level has been Deemed as Storage!

Those were just a few examples of the tactics the oppressor had tried to use.

- **Stooped to a level of committing a criminal offense;**
- **Falsified documents in order to try to make us quit!**
- **Limit our production all the while, his venue was unlimited to the number of people allowed to be inside the establishment!**

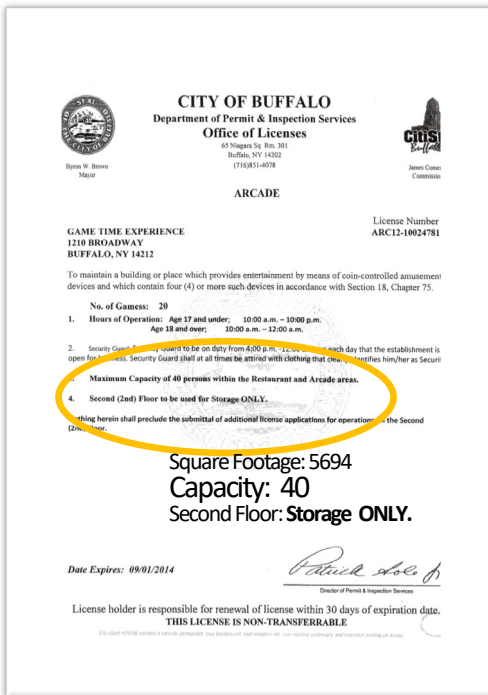
The encounter with the director of licensing Mr. Pat Sole was a hurdle too put it lightly. Having to endure the blatant indecency the whole time of his tenure, during our existence and up until his retirement! No matter what we decided to pursue to have a productive lifestyle and striving to put food on our families table,

Mr. Pat Sole Always Made the Road to Success a Very Difficult Venture.

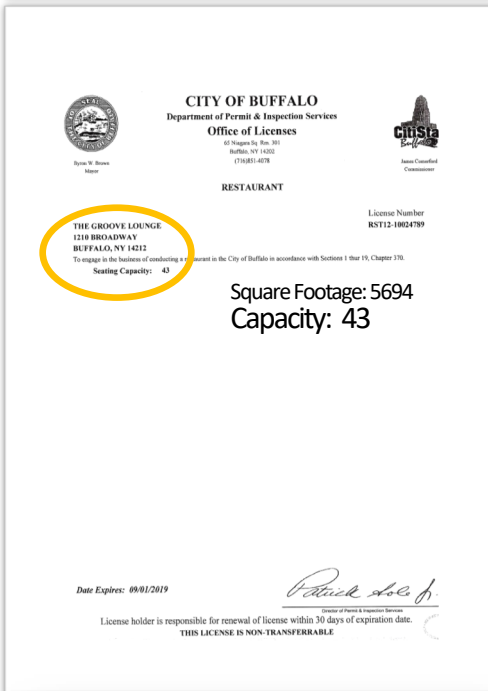
As it was apparent that Mr. Pat Sole's abuse of power in this conflict of interest, (*the nightclub owner who also has the ability to decide which club gets licenses and which ones does not, who in turn signs off on such ventures*) we decided not to get in a ***** contest with a skunk. The Director of License did not realize he was fighting the wrong fight. It is not us here at 1210 Broadway that's making it possible to continue in this light, **GOD DID IT!**

If it were up to us, we would have been sold the building just to get away from the corruption happening on the 3rd floor at City Hall!

For of him, to him, and through him; Strength is given to us when the oppressor tries to use illegal means to defeat and frustrate you in order to make you quit and give up. He puts the right circumstances in place for you to get back up again! For a Saint is a Sinner who has fallen down but get back up again! I know, me as a person would have sought answers by using my own addictions, run to the bottle, run to get high, and trying to escape the reality of the unjust. Responding negatively would give light to my addiction and I would have become a failure! ***But the light shines even brighter because he is the light and the way!***



Square Footage: 5694
Capacity: 40
Second Floor: Storage ONLY.



Square Footage: 5694
Capacity: 43



Determined to Stay the Course, We decided to turn 1210 Broadway into a Safe Haven and to Compete with Chuck E Cheese which is a Kid-Friendly Entity. We changed our name to Game Time, a host to 30 Xbox Games and 4 Bounce Houses. Mr. Pat Sole made it his business to come down to 1210 Broadway to see the Evolution from the Banquet Hall to the Game Time Experience Fun time Facility. The Original Concept was not listed as a general business. To set more boundaries, the definition has now been changed to that of an Arcade (Coin Operated). The problem was, there were no coins needed to operate the game device. No quarter is used to operate Xbox; it's the same or similar to the use of a computer, monitored by time constraints and the use of a Wi-Fi Internet connection!

Mr. Sole says he is going to Deem Xbox as an Arcade Game, Wow! Here We Go Again with this Illegal Abuse of Power.

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Gaming and grooming shop aims to empower young men

BY: [Harold McNeil](#) / News Staff Reporter



Children play video games on some of the Microsoft Xbox and Sony PlayStation video game consoles that Michael Jackson, above, installed in his Game Time Experience and Groom Zone Barbershop.

When it comes to cutting and styling hair, the barbers at Game Time Experience and Groom Zone Barbershop don't play around.

But the customers are certainly welcome to.

A bank of 20 Microsoft Xbox and Sony PlayStation video game consoles and bounce houses fill about half of the 5,000-square-foot facility at Broadway and Lathrop Street on the city's East Side. In addition to a small takeout restaurant, the rest of the premises provides space for a row of stylist chairs and barber stations opposite table boards and card tables, a TV area and shelves of periodicals.

"In the midst of the wait [for a haircut], we wanted to do something that would be entertaining for the client," said barber Antoine Bradley, who likes to refer to himself as a precision hairstylist.

He envisions his establishment as a place where boys and young men in the neighborhood can establish mentorships with adults who work there and provide job training for those who might be interested in becoming barbers. It has been open since last summer.

"I didn't want a normal barbershop. I wanted it to be more interactive," said Jackson, who explained that he wanted to make his establishment a safe haven for youth and a place they could absorb positive values.

We don't allow the kids to come in during the school hours," Jackson said. With a fee of \$10 for 90 minutes of play, he's also seeking to establish a **rewards program as an incentive for some of his young patrons to improve their school attendance and academic standing.** "We're also looking for sponsors. It's statistically known that kids get in trouble ... around 7 [or] 8 o'clock to midnight on the weekends. So we're asking the businesses to sponsor a kid for an hour [or] sponsor a kid for two hours on the weekend, so they'll be in a safe place instead of being somewhere they shouldn't be," he added. To help him reach youths, Jackson has enlisted retired teacher Bob Bell and the Rev. Charles Walker of the nearby Mount Hope Community Church on Broadway.

The Groom Zone barbers also play their part by mentoring youths who patronize the business.

"We talk about education, current events, school, future endeavors," said Bradley.

"We also offer an apprenticeship program that's geared toward the young men that want to do something positive with their lives. ... Instead of looking at barbering as a hustle, it's actually a career," he added.

THE POWER **G** REATER THAN ME



Chief Michele Kubala

EXTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE OPPRESSION

WORKING IN CONCERT

Second Attempt to Defeat New Minority Owners

Chief of Police C'District Mrs. Michelle Kubala

After the debacle with the 3rd floor, the Director's *Illegal Use and Abuse of Power* and *Conflict of Interest*, Licensing Director/Nightclub Owner being the same one who is able to get rid of his competition by using schemes/tactics as the Director of licenses did not succeed in the termination of the new owners at 1210 Broadway!
Now, Chief Kubala initiates a new set of tactics by asserting bogus complaints against the Game Time Experience located at 1210 Broadway.

Chief Kubala Accused the Game Time Experience of having over 500 Complaints to the Police Department for allegations of conduct happening at the address of 1210 Broadway!

A summons was delivered to the newly designed Game Time; a kid friendly zone to appear at a hearing on these complaints. One has to question and guess who is overseeing the hearing!? *Yes, the hearing is to be held on the 3rd floor of City Hall with the director of Mr. Pat Sole!*

Chief Kubala's complaints listed occurrences which happened OUTSIDE of the building located at 1210 Broadway. The complaints ranging from prostitution, loud noises, pan handlers, and car accidents, etc. **Over 300 of those complaints were recorded during the Years of 2006 through 2007!** *At that time, THE BUILDING WAS DEEMED ABANDONDED!* Our purchase of the building took place in March of 2008!
Needless to say, Chief Kubala was no longer the Chief in the C district, No longer a Chief Police at all.

The Second Blatant Attempt to Shut Down the Newly Formed Minority Owned Business at 1210 Broadway Once Again; **DISMANTLED.**

If it Was by Our Own Power, We Would be Defeated! But it's not us—it's God!
1210 Broadway is a blessing, there is no way we would have been able to afford this Million Dollar Building, without Good Orderly Directions. They Shut us Down Two Times And We Stood up Three, *for a Saint is just a Sinner who fell down and got back up;*

Through Him, To Him, and Of Him
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

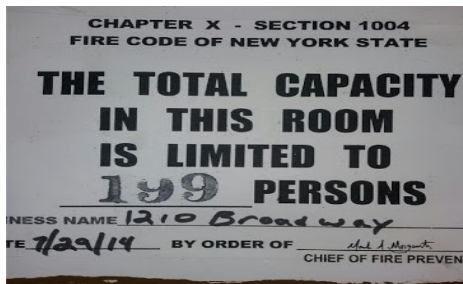


THE POWER **G**REATER THAN ME

EXTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE OPPRESSION



Chief Aaron Young



Chief Barbara Lark



When asked how are you still surviving these attacks?
the answer would simply be **GOD DID IT!**

We have gone through (3) Police Chiefs since Michelle Kubala and Each Chief Has tried to Close Us Down. Not an Offering to Help, Nor Guidance for Us to Build a Better Working Relationship Between a Local Minority Business and the Police Department. Ultimately, the C' District Police has Sought ways to Banish Our Efforts to Stay Open. Shining Light on Negativity In Order to Close Us Now!

Chief Aaron Young

Who Gave Orders to 30 Police Officers to Come to 1210 Broadway and Stop a Bikers Party. Chief Young said he was informed it was happening on the upstairs level at 1210 Broadway! *There was no party, there was no one upstairs, and the Biker Party that was scheduled 7 days later* was for the group: Slow Rollers of Buffalo, a Bike Riders Cycling Group not the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Outlaw Group.

How Did You Guys Survive? **GOD DID IT!**

Chief Young is no longer the C' District Chief.

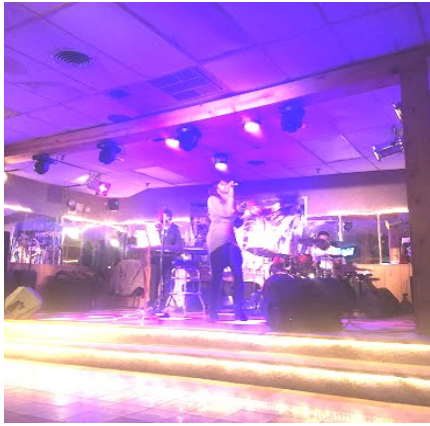
Chief Barbara Lark

Every Other Day, Chief Lark would send the C' District Police Officers to 1210 Broadway, *eventually she began to come in herself searching for a way to shut us down!* One of Chief Lark's biggest complaints was **HOW DID WE HAVE SO MANY LICENSES?** The very licenses that Pat Sole, Director of Licenses informed us we needed are now the subject of *too many licenses*.

How Did You Guys Survive Chief Lark? **GOD DID IT!**

Chief Lark is no longer the C district Police Chief, she's been Promoted to the Deputy Commissioner of Police!

Through Him, To Him, and Of Him
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!



THE POWER **G**REATER THAN ME

Chief Alphonso Wright

Chief Alphonso Wright says that his guys “officers” said:

“It Would be Better if the Groove is Shut Down!”

There’s Just Not Enough Resources to Patrol that Particular Address!
*Now, just imagine the Chief telling the Broadway Market he does not have the resources to give protection to the Broadway Market!? The market is the sight of dozens of overdoses REGULARLY. Not only is the Market patrolled outside the market but additional protection has been provided with a new **Police Satellite Office Right on the Grounds!***

As a business in this district, 1210 Broadway asked the Police Chief *can we get some support like the support given to multiple owners on Chippewa St?*

Can We Get at Least One Car Visible at Closing for Our Patrons to Feel Safe and to Deter Any Would-be Concerns!?

The Chiefs reply is that We Don't Have the Resources to Put One Car Outside of the Groove!

As a result of the City of Buffalo’s Police Department having resources to protect patrons of the Chippewa Bar Scene and not enough resources for the area with the highest crime rates, unfortunately there has been some tragedies that have occurred which may have been avoided if there was ONE POLICE CAR PRESENT! Keep in mind, this is the same area the City Government uses to illustrate in the application. The rationale for grants thus securing funding for safety issues based on the dire need in poverty stricken neighborhoods.

(For more info on the millions of dollars received by the City of Buffalo for Police and Safety of the Citizens of Buffalo Funded by Community Development Block Grant funds and other resources to combat crime

See New York State— Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Initiative, City of Buffalo Annual Action Plan Public Meeting (For more information) visit the City of Buffalo Strategic Planning, U.S. Department of Justice OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS FY2020 PROGRAM SUMMARIES.

Pictures above and below shows C’ DISTRICT Police have resources to be posted outside the Groove to make sure no one enters the building due to the EMERGENCY Shut Down! BUT SAYS.....LACK OF RESOURCES TO KEEP CITIZENS SAFE?



THE POWER G REATER THAN ME



THE FIRST ILLEGAL *Emergency Shut Down* of the Groove Lounge given by the Police Commissioner Byron Lockwood; Comes as the Result of an Off Duty Police Officer Hanging Around Outside the Address of 1210 Broadway. *The Groove Lounge is Held Responsible for a Shooting Incident that Happened while the Club was Closed!*

Yes, It Was an Officer Involved Shooting. Instigated by the Officer and the Shooting Occurred at a Time When the Business Was Closed.
The Police Commissioner ordered an Emergency Closure of the Establishment, The Groove!



THE BUFFALO NEWS

Buffalo plans \$5 million beautification of Franklin, Court streets

By [Jonathan D. Epstein](#)

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City officials are planning more than \$5 million in streetscape improvements and beautification efforts on Franklin, Court and Chippewa streets. Design work has started for the project, which will cover Franklin from Court to Chippewa Street, Court from Niagara Square to Main Street, and Chippewa from Main Street to Elmwood Avenue. Plans include new sidewalks, curbs, paving and lighting, as well as some "artistic and wayfinding elements to bring people from the hotels and civic district to the hotel district," said Brandye Merriweather, vice president of downtown development at the Buffalo Urban Development Corp. The goal is to "stitch the districts together," she said, as part of the city's downtown infrastructure master plan.....

(**excerpt**, See *Buffalo News* for Full Story)

A BRIEF HISTORY OF 1210 BROADWAY (EXCERPT FROM RAY MATTY'S GYM FACEBOOK PAGE)

Many believe the building that was Ray Matty's has been knocked down, Matty's was 1206 Broadway and what is confusing is the building is now 1210 Broadway, I'm posting the picture of the building as it is today, Ray Matty's was 1206 as facing to the lower left, 1208 in the lower center was Matty's Restaurant, 1210 upstairs the Hank Nowak Post, and lower right 1214 Broadway was the House Of Lamps. The building is alive and well.



PICTURED ABOVE , 2013
BOB'S GROOM ZONE BARBERSHOP

I had this picture posted before but had some incorrect info on it, This is the inside of Ray Matty's as it appears today, the wall to the left of the picture was where the bar was and the doorway at the rear was the entrance to the gym, it is now a kitchen, a special thanks to Mike the current owner of the building.



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Appetizer

- THE BONE BOX** | \$13.00
(INCLUDES FISH TIDBITS and 5 CHICKEN WINGS & FRIES)
- CHICKEN QUESADILLA** | \$10.00
- STEAK SANDWICH** | \$12.00
- STEAK SANDWICH & FRIES** | \$13.00
- CHICKEN FINGERS** | \$11.00

Salad

- HOUSE SALAD** | \$5.00
- CHICKEN SALAD** | \$8.00
- GREEK CHICKEN SALAD** | \$9.50
(Feta, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Banana Peppers)
- GREEK SHRIMP SALAD** | \$11.50
(Feta, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Banana Peppers)

On the Side

- GREENS** \$4.00
- MAC N'CHEESE** \$4.00
- YAMS** \$3.00
- CABBAGE** \$3.00
- STRING BEANS** \$3.00
- POTATO SALAD** \$3.00
- COLE SLAW** \$3.00
- PASTA SALAD** \$3.00
- MOZZARELLA STIX** \$3.00
- ONION RINGS** \$3.00
- FRENCH FRIES** \$3.00
- SWEET POTATO FRIES** \$3.00
w/ Honey Butter
- FRIED MUSHROOMS** \$3.00



Daily Fish Fry



Greek Salad



Fish/Chicken Combo



Red Velvet Waffles



Catch of the Day



Shrimp Po'Boy

Soul Food Dinner

SERVED WITH TWO SIDES

- PORK CHOP** | \$11.00 (2) \$15.00
- CHICKEN/FISH COMBO** | \$15.00

Seafood

- FISH DINNER** | \$13.00
SERVED WITH (2) SIDES. Mac & Cheese & Cole Slaw
- FISH SANDWICH** | \$12.00
SERVED WITH FRENCH FRIES
(Haddock, Perch, Catfish)
- SHRIMP BOX** | \$13.00
SERVED WITH FRENCH FRIES
- SHRIMP SALAD** | \$10.50
(YOUR CHOICE OF REGULAR OR BUFFALO STYLE)
- SHRIMP SKEWER PLATE** | \$13.50
YOUR CHOICE OF GRILLED GARLIC, BACON WRAPPED, OR FRIED SHRIMP. SERVED OVER BROCCOLI AND RICE.
- SHRIMP PO'BOY** | \$9.50
(YOUR CHOICE OF REGULAR OR BUFFALO STYLE)
- CATCH OF THE DAY PO'BOY** | \$8.50

Chicken & Waffles

- CHICKEN & WAFFLES**.....\$10.00
- CHICKEN & VELVET WAFFLES**.....\$12.00

Alfredo

- CHICKEN** | \$13.00
- SHRIMP** | \$15.00
- COMBO** | \$18.00

Wings



- CHICKEN WINGS** | \$11.00
(Mild, Medium, Hot, or Barbeque)
- Double.....\$22. Triple.....\$30.....
50+...(Ask 4 Price)
- EXOTIC WINGS** | \$12.00
Lemon Peppered, Cajun Honey, Cajun Rub,
Garlic Parmesan, Honey Mustard,
& Country Fried
- Double..\$24. Triple...\$33...
50+...(Ask 4 Price)

\$5 Wednesday Happy Hour 4-8p
• Steak Sandwich • Fish Box • Chicken Box
Served with Fries
Everyday \$5 Sandwich
• Fish • Burger • Steak



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Served over a Bed of Rice with a Butter Wine Sauce*



SHRIMP
FISH
CHICKEN

| \$17.00
| \$15.00
| \$13.00

CHIEF SPECIALTIES

Buffalo Spinach Bread with Shrimp \$12.00

Biyou Classic Pasta (with Red or Cream Sauce)

Chicken
Shrimp

\$13.00
\$16.00

Bacon Wrapped Shrimp \$17.00

Honey Glazed Skewers served over Rice

Crispy Chicken Salad \$13.00

Breaded Chicken Strips with Lettuce, Cucumbers and Tomatoes

Crispy Parmesan Chicken \$13.00

Served over Pasta with your choice Red or White Sauce

Cajun Pan Haddock \$14.00

Served over Rice with Peppers & Onions



The GROOVE Burger \$12

*Half Pound Burger with Cheese
Fried Onions, Lettuce, Tomatoes & Pickles
Served with Fries*

Groove Burger With Bacon \$14.00





Mr. Rashied McDuffie
City of Buffalo
Corporation Counsel



Party at Groove by Night
*Seek Ways to Shut It Down
by Day*



CORPORATION COUNSEL OPPRESSION

How did you get through that ordeal of the Police Commissioner Ordering an Emergency Closure?

GOD DID IT!

Consequently, we had to go to the Supreme Court in order to get the illegal shut down reversed. While in the proceeding, one of the questions the Judge asked the City Prosecutor Mr. Rashied McDuffie was *if this shooting happens outside of the Tops Supermarket or in the Parking Lot at the Galleria Mall should we then close those places where a shooting happens outside?*

Mr. McDuffie's reply in the Supreme Courtroom while Under Oath was:

“We do not anticipate this kind of shooting to happen at a supermarket or the mall; but we do anticipate these kinds of incidents happening at these types of clubs.”

For Mr. McDuffie to Reply in This Manner is to Say He is Giving a Representation of City Hall's Government;

which is a Premeditated Act and an Incident Waiting to Happen!

***** **Happens Once** (With your own officers) Your Unaware of Such Danger

***** **Happens Twice** Customers Wonder Why there's No Police Presence As
What is being Provided for White Clubs

***** **Happens Three Times** - Shame On You, Sacrificing Black Bodies to Engage in Your Conspiracy to Eliminate Black Bars/Clubs from the entertainment sector in buffalo.

Well why can't the city give you guys the same protection as they give Allen street, Chippewa St, Delaware Ave, Hertel Ave., and Elmwood Districts?

That's the same question we've had for several years and we have been asking
WHY!? We continue to get the same reply over and over again,

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH RESOURCES!

Looking back over the last (20) years, the city's East side of Buffalo was surrounded by over (40) minority owned bars and clubs. Today there's a whopping (9) bars remaining, **Due to the Outside Incidents Occurring.**

The Buffalo Administration's Remedy is to **Close the Business!**

But, when the same type of incidents happens at an establishment of a white club owner, ***THERE'S NO RECOURSE!*** And it continues on “Business as Usual.”

Well how do you guys deal with this disparity?

We trust in the one that blessed us! We Fall down SEVEN times and Stand up EIGHT!

We have been here since 2008, paying all of our taxes and having the proper licenses. There's one person on the 3rd floor of City Hall who has given us encouragement; Mr. Lou Petrucci. *Stating: We think it's big of you guys to take over the abandoned building and it's twice as good that you are Afro-Americans doing it right.*

So you guys have had this property for over 12 years and there's been a campaign in existence to close you down from day one!?

Yes there has, with very Heavy Negative Publicity of Newspaper and TV News Coverage.

What do you guys do to stay positive?

We let Good Orderly Direction guide us through! We don't say hey look at us.... We give toy drives to the less fortunate, give out food to the homeless, we give Youth jobs in the summer to keep them off the streets, we give all the musicians a chance to play and practice their art of the instruments, we send packages to some that are in prison and have no one to help them through the hardship of prison life! We give from our hearts and we get stiff opposition from those who are elected. They may feel the people who support us here at 1210 Broadway are not voters, so they have No Fear of Corruption and Campaigns to close us.

**But what they don't know is they're campaigning against a power greater than man;
The reason we still stand; *God Did It!***

We ask for help from all the legislators and councilpersons and most would say it's not their district!

*When it comes down to you fighting for Civil Rights there should not be any barriers,
Right is Right and Wrong is Wrong!*

We've asked a lot of the preachers in the community and we get death ears!

*As they speak in church some of the words on Sunday is if you go to the Groove you should be able to go to Church!
A campaign against Us "The Groove" is a campaign against God! We are agents of Jesus, as we walk through the shadow of our oppressor, the campaign against the Groove only gives testimony and praise to the almighty; Still Standing!*

Here's a Re-Cap:

- 1 Director of licensing, a Conflict of Interest and Your Still Standing -**GOD DID IT!**
- 2 Chief of Police Michelle Kubala Fabricated Complaints and Still Standing -**GOD DID IT!**
- 3 City Hall Legal Department Lawyer Mr. McDuffie Pre-meditated Casualties, waiting for an incident to happen instead of being proactive and still standing -**GOD DID IT!**
- 4 Off duty police officer causing a shooting incident outside the club while closed and Police Commissioner Orders Illegal Emergency shutdown of the club and Still Standing -**GOD DID IT!**

For of Him, to Him, and Through Him, all things are possible! A Saint is only a Sinner that has fallen and gotten back up. Through my battles of alcoholism and drug abuse, going in and out of institutions, it's not me that's making this happen; IT'S HIM! He has me Sober, He has me Free to make Choices, it's Him that deserves the Praises, Because **GOD DID IT!**
WERE STILL STANDING! Fall Down Seven get up Eight!

For God is Able, Won't He Do It!



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**It's Time for Black/Brown People to BUY BACK THE BLOCK!
"BLACK MONEY MATTER!"**

The most important lesson we should take away at this time of "Black History Month" is we need to keep OUR POWER IN THE COMMUNITY! We must make every effort toward RAISING OUR COMMERCIAL and INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS.

In our community WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED
TO BUILD A SUCCESSFUL TOTAL MINORITY OWNED ENTERPRISE.

We've been blessed with Doctors, Nurses, Lawyers, Architects, Accountants, IT/Computer Scientist, Builders, Plumbers, Electricians, Teachers, Counselors, Artists, Managers, Movie Producers, and Professional Organizers.

The reality is that other ethnic groups target black neighborhoods. Their strategy is taking advantage of those who don't have transportation and the walking neighbor.

LET'S BUY BACK THE BLOCK... ONE BLOCK AT A TIME!

IT'S TIME THAT OUR SCHOOLS, BANKS, BUSINESSES, HEALTHCARE, SUPERMARKETS AND ENTERTAINMENT ARE A TRUE REFLECTION OF WHO WE ARE!



Buy Back the Block!



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Mr. Lou Petrucci Has supported our efforts from the beginning!

Mr. Petrucci took a tour
1210 Broadway several
years ago.
He commended us on taking
over the property that
sat vacant for so long.
More Importantly, it was the
only positive recognition we
received from the 3rd Floor
at City Hall.
Mr. Petrucci applauded our
determinations as an
African-American Group
doing business in the
City of Buffalo, Paying
Taxes and Doing It Right.



ART IS LIFE PROJECT

Grub and Groove & Mr. Valentino
Plan to introduce a
New Community Connection Course.
Learn the Art of Drawing as a means to
help shift the energy of our youth and
young adults to invoke creativity and
cultivate a positive mindset in the
Inner city of Buffalo.





Mayor Brown

I can remember Kevin Harriston a Fire Fighter now, was walking the beat for the Senator hopeful; Byron Brown. He reached out to me to help sell tickets and gain support for Byron's Campaign of becoming State Senator. What captured my support was:

Mr. Brown was a Strong Activist for Civil Rights. His attitude was contagious. Remarkably like Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks. Very well spoken and eager to fight for Equal Rights, Byron won the State Senator Race.

In addition to the redevelopment within the city, our Mayor has changed the lives of people that had made some bad decisions and landed themselves in



jail with felony convictions. The ex-convicts were now given an opportunity to land career jobs, inclusive of benefits and retirement packages with the City. ***For me, I give the Mayor Two—Thumbs up for restoring hope to those who used to be thrown to the wayside and have now regained a productive lifestyle despite the bad decisions in their past.***

What person does not have a past? Yeah, you may not have gotten caught but we've all had our share of past mistakes unless your name is Jesus!

For we all have sinned and fallen short of his glory!

Over the years, Mayor Byron Brown has transformed Buffalo's Downtown area right before our very eyes! If you have witnessed the many changes that have occurred over the last 15 years, you would think ***What a Magician!*** Since taking office; ***Canalside has now become a Tourist Attraction, Residency in downtown Buffalo has surged to a massive 15,000 Apartments upgrade and Buffalo's Make Over has been effective in the Downtown, Elmwood, Delaware, and Hertel Avenue Areas!***

On the other hand, the renovation mission hasn't been as effective East of Main Street.

Real Transformation is Yet to Be Seen.

Countless abandoned buildings and homes have been demolished and were seriously in of need removal. Many were an eyesore and a haven for criminal use. But once they were eliminated, there wasn't a formal plan to address the gaping whole or nothing built up in its place!

Before the makeover of Canalside, no one was flocking to the downtown area. The Metro Rail (*the smallest rail system in the United States*) killed the downtown attractions. Businesses lost so much they were forced to close down! It became a ghost town. Now the mayor has revised and rebuilt downtown Buffalo into a major attraction.

Mayor Brown, *this is the same makeover that's needed on the East side; Fillmore Ave, E. Delevan, E. Ferry, and Genesee St.*

All are in Need of a Major Revitalization Strategy!

Nationally, Buffalo was seen as a poor city. We were so low on the national level, the only thing left to do was come up. The city couldn't drop any lower! Once the Pegula's invested in the city and purchased the Buffalo Bills, money attracts money.

***As a Result of the Help and Direction of an Open Minded Mayor,
the Two Entities have made Buffalo an Economic Attraction!***

East of Main Street Wants to be a Part of the Plan.

Community Empowerment is a growing group, a positive group, who's not looking for a handout but is seeking direction on *How to Build and Grow!*

What has grown east of Main Street is the church industry! Churches have grown individually, but has failed collectively to bring our people together to grow on one accord. *Imagine* if each church took 10% of their offering from every individual church; bank the money for one year then use that money to open up several grocery stores with vegetables and fresh produce with prices that are comparable to our counterparts? Church names will not be associated and Titles or Pastors names will not be recognized. It's Called: **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT**, *for the Community by the Community?* If the money invested comes from each congregation, then in spirit it comes from the community! But I know that would be too much like right. Well Mayor Brown, we have developed a group called *Community Empowerment* and our goal is to open the largest grocery store on the East side; *by the people for the people!*

Our goal is to take the locks off some of these abandoned Properties with your help!

Let our people share the same Opportunities, Grant Funding, and City Investments that our counterparts receive, with your direction of course.

Mayor Brown, you're aware of grants that are available *to make the vision of Community Empowerment Our Reality* and your ability to speed up the process is definitely without question.

We currently have a building for the East Side; a Co-op Grocery Store *for the people by the people* that will be filled with Fresh Produce. Fruits and Vegetables will be available as well as Jobs to maintain the store.

Community Empowerment's goal is to start with one store and then pay it forward within the community and open several more; soon we will have 150 stores and the youth will be working in the stores instead of working illegally outside the stores.

Mayor Brown is arguably one of the most productive Mayors the State of New York and is well established outside of New York for his initiative and unique programs to jumpstart youth careers.

Mayor Brown has rebuilt and gave very specific areas of Buffalo a makeover,

The Community Empowerment Group is willing to extend our helping hand to be a part of the *Renaissance of the Eastside of Buffalo.*

Community Empowerment Movement

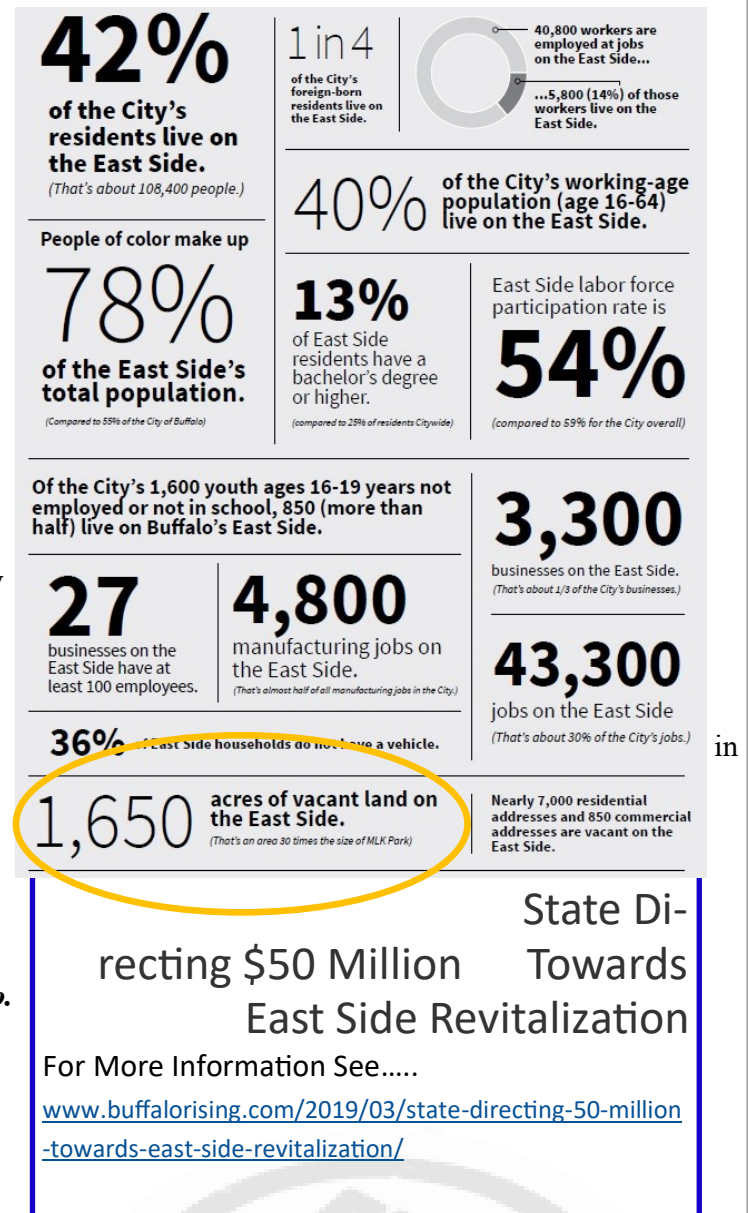
Applications are now being accepted to become a Member of the Community Empowerment Movement. The group is on a quest to find Entrepreneurs. We're featuring weekend Pop-up Shops; We have Rentable Table Areas for the Small Business Owners to Showcase their Goods: *Jewelry, Clothing, Shoes, Handbags, T-Shirts, Desserts, etc.* a modest Rental fee of \$35 for the hours of 10:00AM to 4:00 PM. is required.

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CITY OF BUFFALO INNER CITY *Disparities*

The Word Disparity

Here you have a panel of distinguished leaders in the community who all have openly agreed to address the disparity of health care in the City of Buffalo. We applaud each one on the quest of equality and civil rights, it is an on going battle in this struggle of disparity.

Disparity has Unlimited Barriers

What is a Disparity?

It is a lack similarities, Distinct, Contrast, Different, Unequal

Here's a few Examples:

1. **HEALTH CARE:** White health care in buffalo Vs. Black Health Care,
2. **EDUCATION:** Suburban Education (PRIMARILY WHITE STUDENTS) Teaches Leadership and Ownership Vs. Public Education (PRIMARILY BLACK STUDENTS) Teaches to pass a Civil Service Test as being the height of Success
3. **POLICE PRESENCE:** *White Club Owners* (PROACTIVE) Curbs Violence. Customers feel a sense of safety. **Vs. Black Clubs Owners** (REACTIVE) Response to Violence. Traps are set waiting for violent crime to happen. Customer does not feel safety is as important.
WITHOUT POLICE PRESENCE, ONE BLACK GETS INJURED OR DEATH OCCURS And The City puts an EMERGENCY CLOSURE in place to kill the business. **RESULT:** *Elimination of the blacks in the entertainment sector.*

(Same or Similar to Gun Violence in the Inner City)

- One Get Shot, One Goes to Jail; Process of Eliminating the Black Male

4. **LIVING ENVIRONMENT:** Avenues in Downtown Buffalo, Hertel, Elmwood, and Delaware, are All Thriving and Attractive Neighborhoods **Vs.** East of Main Street there are Abandon Buildings and Dwellings are Destroyed, Acres of Empty Fields Remain and Nothing has been Rebuilt to Attract Business. "Just Let it Go!" Price Gouging is Evident in Grocery Stores and Fruits/Vegetables are non-existent in the Local Stores on the East Side.



Hertel Neighborhood (Pictured Above) VS.
Broadway Neighborhood (Pictured Below)



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