

West Side Bazaar at 1432 Niagara FAQs

- 1. What will be the hours of the West Side Bazaar?**
The West Side Bazaar will be open Tuesday-Saturday 11 am – 8 pm
- 2. How many businesses are open at the West Side Bazaar?**
11 with room for 18! *Please contact Purnima Mohan at pmohan@wedibuffalo.org if you wish to incubate your business in our space!*
- 3. How many new restaurants are there?**
7
- 4. Restaurants located on the 1st floor.**
Bamboo Ridge: Vietnamese cuisine
Egyptian Bites: Egyptian cuisine
Malkia & Co.: Central African & Congolese cuisine
Orso Nero Pizza: Italian cuisine
Phyu Thein Malaysian Restaurant: Malaysian cuisine
Chef BigWayne Jamaican Cuisine: Jamaican cuisine
William's Kitchen Korean Comfort Food: Korean cuisine
- 5. What new food retail shops are on the 1st floor of the West Side Bazaar?**
Manchester Place Baking Co.: Sweet goods bakery
Bubble Tea & Smoothie Bar: Bubble tea and smoothies
- 6. What else is on the first floor?**
1 booth held for pop-ups
- 7. What businesses are in the 2d floor office spaces?**
Read It & Eat Bookshop: a culinary bookshop selling cookbooks, artisan food items, and book/food subscription service
Danielle Prester LMHC & Elisabeth Burn LMHC: counseling.
Commissary Kitchen for rent.
2 Conference Rooms with tech for meetings and events.
- 8. Where can I park?**
LIMITED on-street parking 🚗 - Available on and around Niagara Street (no parking lot yet). Consider carpooling or using another mode of transportation -- attendees who have accessibility needs and must drive will be able to park. *Please do NOT park in the nearby lots; they are private and your car will be towed.*
 - **BIKE** 🚲 Bundle up and take a ride on Niagara Street's protected bike lane. We will have plenty of *secure outdoor racks* for bike parking.
 - **CARPOOL** 🚗👥 Invite friends because food is better when it's shared!
 - **TRANSIT** 🚌 Bus routes 5 (Niagara-Kenmore), 40 (Buffalo/Niagara Falls) and 26 (Delevan) will drop you off a 2-minute walk from the party.
 - We recommend downloading the [Token Transit app](#) for NFTA fare.


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9. **Fun Facts and what this building offers!**

- **1920 building is constructed:** 16,000+sq. Ft. over 2 floors, space for 16 businesses with room for pop-ups for concept businesses
- **Community Cafe sponsored by KeyBank** : 82+ seats in the café, room for 200+ patrons over 2 floors
- **Getting Down to Business Shared Kitchens (4):** shared by 8 restaurants and sponsored by: **The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation, Bank of America, Junior League of Buffalo, United Way of Buffalo & Erie County**
- **Reclaimed Gym floor:** our beautiful center staircase is made from recycled gym floors
- **Historic Glass Block Windows:** The façade of our building features glass block windows original to the building. These glass block windows contributed to our historic building status; each glass block has been carefully removed, cleaned and restored to its original place.
- **Bazaar Mural with History of 1432:** Please look behind our Bazaar Bar to learn the interesting history of the Illinois Alcohol Factory, now the new Westside Bazaar.
- **Builders' Wall of Honor:** top of floor 2 surrounding our staircase. An expression of gratitude for the generous donors who helped build this space.
- **The Loft – generously donated by the James H. Cummings Foundation:** a dedicated space for community, family, social events, casual meetings or spillover from the café
- **The Gathering Space – generously donated by Stephen & Julie Zenger:** a conference room and event space with tech
- **The Hopes and Dreams Training Kitchen – generously donated by the Peter C. Cornell Trust:** a commissary & test kitchen for training on food and kitchen safety, cooking classes, catering and restaurant pop-ups
- **The Learning Lab – generously donated by M&T Bank:** a classroom for 12 with tech. **Our Chefs of the World Cooking Series** sponsored by **Independent Health** will be held in this classroom and the training kitchen.
- **WEDI Origin Mural:** across from the staircase, learn about the vision that inspired the creation of WEDI by Westminster Presbyterian Church.
- **Offices for events coordinator and programming/management - generously sponsored by Jock & Betsy Mitchell and Robert Bojduk & Sarah Williams:** Floor 2

WEDI and West Side Bazaar timeline:

1998: Westminster Presbyterian Church established ENERGY afterschool program

2006: WEDI is established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

2009: WEDI launches its microloan program for low-income entrepreneurs – a majority of clients are women and minorities

2011: The first West Side Bazaar opens at 242 Grant Street which is now the location of Global Villages, owned by WEDI Board of Directors member Louise Sano. Louise was also the first graduate of the West Side Bazaar.

2012: The West Side Bazaar relocates into an old Blockbuster at 25 Grant Street, doubling capacity.


2016: WEDI becomes a Certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) with the lowest lending threshold in WNY -- \$500 - \$20,000. Authorized to issue Small Business Association (SBA) loans.

2018: Purchase of 1432 Niagara Street is completed, with plans for it to be the future West Side Bazaar.

2019: CJS Architects is retained for the new West Side Bazaar design.

2020: Hayes Construction is retained.

2022: Construction commences at 1432 Niagara Street. An accidental fire permanently closes the West Side Bazaar at 25 Grant Street.

2023: In spring, WEDI opens the Downtown Bazaar at 617 Main Street in Buffalo's Theatre District. In fall, the new West Side Bazaar with Community Cafe sponsored by **KeyBank**  opens on Niagara Street, providing 5x the space as was on Grant Street.

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