

USAN announces completion of Third Street rehab project in Niagara Falls

Project brings new residential, commercial opportunities to Third Street business district

Submitted on behalf of USA Niagara Development Corp.

USA Niagara Development Corp. (USAN) announced 466 Third St., in Niagara Falls, is now complete, adding value to the Third Street business district, and providing new residential and commercial opportunities.

Cataract Development Corp. rehabbed and renovated the former USAN-owned property into a mixed-use development with eight apartment units and two commercial storefronts. The project also included updating the building's systems and façade.

This project was completed as part of Gov. Kathy Hochul's Niagara Falls Strategic Land Acquisition Program.

"USAN, under Gov. Hochul's leadership, is working hard to create a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly neighborhood on Third Street with commercial, retail and residential development that reflects multiple market segments, and will also ultimately draw more tourists and visitors to downtown Niagara Falls," USAN President Anthony Vilardo said. "Cataract Development Corp.'s 466 Third St. site is a model for the type of project that is critical for the continued development of this district."

"We are very pleased with the end result of our latest downtown Niagara Falls rehab project," Cataract Development Corp. Presi-



Third Street image courtesy of USAN.

dent Matt Cafarella said. "The residential portion of this property located at 466 Third has been vacant and extremely dilapidated for almost two decades. The amount of damage to the structure made this very challenging. I'm proud of the work of our crews at Cafarella Concrete that made this happen in such a fast timeframe. We want to thank USA Niagara and the City of Niagara Falls for their assistance getting this project to the finish line."

In August 2018, the USAN

board of directors approved acquisition of several properties, including 466 Third St., as part of the strategic land-acquisition program funded through New York state. The program is intended to assemble long-dormant properties near Niagara Falls State Park, to remove blight from the downtown area, and expand the density of uses in the area, with a goal of establishing a year-round, sustainable neighborhood. USAN accepted Cataract Development Corp.'s proposal to rehabilitate and reno-

vate the building and purchase the property from USAN.

The property includes: two first-floor commercial spaces, currently leased by local pizzeria Donatello's Restaurant and the Hammer & Crown Brewing Co.; and eight apartment units, including six studios and two one-bedroom apartments. Cataract Development Corp. invested \$550,000 to rehabilitate and renovate the apartments portion of the building.

City of Niagara Falls Mayor Robert Restaino said, "Cataract

Development Corp.'s completion of 466 Third St. is a positive step in recreating a vibrant downtown business district. As one of several properties purchased by USAN, our city is hopeful that this is the beginning of further productive development of these long-dormant properties. Congratulations to Cataract Development Corp. on the successful completion of this project."

Cataract Development Corp., based in Niagara Falls, owns other properties in the Third Street neighborhood, and has a history of rehabilitating once thriving, locally significant buildings and restoring their former glory – while making them sustainable for the future. It aims to enhance the surrounding neighborhood, both aesthetically and functionally, while creating a valued, accessible and successful residential and commercial community.

USAN, a subsidiary of Empire State Development, is solely dedicated to the support and promotion of economic development initiatives in Niagara Falls by leveraging private investment and encouraging growth and renewal of the tourism industry in the City of Niagara Falls. For more information, visit <https://esd.ny.gov/usa-niagara-development-corporation-6>.

'Rock'N with HART' event to feature Summer of '69 Band

After a two-year hiatus, "Rock'N with HART" is back. The event, featuring Western New York's renowned Summer of '69 All-Star Band, will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Lewiston Event Center. The evening will be filled with music, raffles and a basket auction, all raising funds to benefit the Home Assistance Referral Team.

Event sponsors include Home Care Partners, DiMino's Lewiston Tops, CarStar, Tim Hortons, William D. Berard III Attorney at

Law, Lewiston Digital, WNY Asset Management and The Environmental Services Group.

Guest bartenders participating throughout the night will include Kristen Grandinetti, Pam Hibbard, Joel Holka, Mike Martino, Chris McKenzie, Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, Ed Page and Frank Ventry.

"We are so excited to bring this major event back, and grateful for all our sponsors and supporters," said Patty Berggren, chairperson of the board.

"It will be a fun night, especially with our spectacular lineup of bartenders and music by the Summer of '69 Band," Executive Director Christine S. O'Hara said. "We appreciate our partnership with the band and all that they do to support our mission."

HART, located at 505 Cayuga St., Lewiston, serves all of Niagara County and portions of northern Erie County. The organization is funded solely through donations from individuals and organizations, special events and

grants.

Those interested in registering with the HART team of caregivers and home helpers, or in need our services, can submit an appli-

cation or request online at www.hartprogram.org, or call 716-754.8313.

The Lewiston Event Center is located at 845 Cayuga St.

IN THE NEWS

Registration open for household hazardous waste collection event

Niagara County Legislator Randy Bradt announced registration is open for the county's next household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event, which will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, in North Tonawanda. The event is open to all Niagara County residents. Registration is required.

Bradt said the event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the North Tonawanda Department of Public Works located at 758 Erie Ave. Registration can be done by going to www.rethinkyourwaste.com/ events and scrolling down to the North Tonawanda event. There is also a list of items that will be accepted for recycling posted to that website, including latex paint, which is a recent addition.

Niagara County Environmental Coordinator Dawn Timm said that, in the 10 years the HHW program has been operating, more than 900,000 pounds of harmful products have been removed from Ni-

agara County homes.

"The steps we take to encourage the recycling of paint and other HHW in a responsible manner ensures these materials do not end up in our soil or in our water, protecting our local environment," she said.

Youngstown Library Friends' fall book sale

The Friends of the Youngstown Free Library will host its annual fall book sale from the evening of Thursday, Nov. 3, through the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Red Brick School Village Center gym, 240 Lockport St.

Current members or those wishing to join the Friends organization are invited to a "Members' Night" from 5-8 p.m. Thursday. Members can preview the offerings, plus enjoy light snacks and drinks. Those wishing to become members can join at the door or online at <https://youngstownfreelibrary.org/join-friends.html>. Membership is \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families.

The book sale is open to the pub-

lic from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The latter features a "bag sale," where visitors can fill any bag they independently can carry when filled for \$5.

Items will include fiction, non-fiction, children and young adult titles, travel, cooking, gardening, self-help, spiritual, literature best-sellers and antique books. DVDs and CDs will also be for sale. Books are \$1.50 for hardcovers and \$1 for paperbacks. Collectible books will be priced as marked. All proceeds benefit the Youngstown Free Library.

Have books to donate? Drop donations off at the Red Brick Gym from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, through Wednesday, Nov. 2, or from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 1-2. Or call the library to arrange for drop-off. Note: textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, and any materials with mold issues cannot be accepted.

The book sale is organized by Friends, and the event involves the support of dozens of volunteers who unpack, sort and organize materials for sale, as well as help with sales, information and advertising.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 5th • 9am-2pm

10th & Michigan Ave, Niagara Falls

Theme Baskets • Christmas Items
Attic Treasures & Jewelry
German Food & Baked Goods

Chicken Chowder available for take out
\$8.00 Qt. (Please bring own container)

Everyone Welcome

LEWISTON-PORTER CHURCH DIRECTORY

Lutheran Church of the Messiah

Pastor Timothy Anas

915 Oneida Street, Lewiston

Phone: 716-754-4944 Fax: 716-754-0903

www.messiahlewiston.org

Come worship with us at 8:15am and 10:00am
Coffee and Sunday School Hour at 9:00am

Trunk or Treat:
October 29th
3pm to 5pm

SHARE YOUR MESSAGE CALL US AT 716-773-7676

WHITE CHAPEL MEMORIAL PARK

3210 Niagara Falls Blvd. • Amherst • 716-692-5353

White Chapel Memorial Park is Western New York's Finest Burial Park
IT IS A NON-SECTARIAN CEMETERY AND OPEN TO EVERYONE

There are only a few cemeteries as unique as our open, picturesque, landscaped memorial park. The feeling is majestic and peaceful as you traverse through this serene setting without the obstruction of raised memorials.

* VETERANS SECTION *

wcmp3210.com • wcmp3210@aol.com
OFFICE: M-F 9am-Noon & 12:30-4; Sat. By Appt. Only • PARK: May 1 - Sept. 30 8am-8pm; Oct. 1 - Apr. 30 8am-5pm

10% SINGLE GRAVESITE OFF
With this ad. Expires 10/31/22

BUY ONE GRAVESITE, GET THE 2ND ADJACENT SITE 50% OFF
With this ad. Expires 10/31/22