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SHOP THE WEST SIDE

WEDI'S NEWEST OPENINGS ON BUFFALO'S WEST SIDE



West Side Value Laundromat Grand Opening with congratulations from Niagara District Councilman David Rivera

Zaw Win, a refugee from Burma, has started to realize his dream of owning and running a business here in America. In May he opened his WEST SIDE VALUE LAUNDROMAT at 417 Massachusetts Avenue

near 18th Street. Eventually he wants to buy the building that houses his Laundromat including its six apartments. Zaw was featured on the front cover of a recent Artvoice issue telling of his continuing fight for human rights in his native land. The story of his journey to Buffalo is both fascinating and horrifying. It includes arrest as a freedom fighter when he was a college student, imprisonment on a slave fishing vessel in Thailand and daring escapes.



Zaw and WEDI worked together to turn his dream into reality

Jubba Food Store and Tailor



Abdinoor Jama and his partner Aden Aden come from an equally disturbing part of the world far from Zaw's home, Somalia on Africa's east coast. Abdinoor, in his four short years here in Buffalo, has perfected his English, established himself as a valued machine operator in his job, started a family (he and his wife have a two-month old baby boy, Amed), and now has opened a new business at 215 Forest Avenue, JUBBA FOOD STORE AND TAILOR. Abdinoor and Aden, friends in their refugee camp, trained as tailors and are now offering their expertise to us. Need some repairs? Have a beloved jacket that has

seen better days? They will make your repairs and create an exact copy of your jacket! I have it on good authority that they are really expert at their work and the prices will be very fair. There is good off - street parking beside the building.

West Side Bazaar Featured Merchant

Watch for the opening of the West Side Bazaar this summer on West Ferry Street. Our featured merchant is Martha Sosa, owner of PURE PERU.



Martha, a native of Peru, is opening her micro-enterprise at the West Side Bazaar, An award winning chef trained in Peru, she will treat her customers to traditional foods such as desserts, appetizers and chocolates filled with exotic Peruvian fruits. Ultimately, Martha wants to open the first Peruvian restaurant in Buffalo. Right now she is offering a full range of her recipes to her catering clients.



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WEDI's business mentoring mission is to help people on the West Side of Buffalo to enrich their lives financially by assisting them in many ways to realize their dreams of starting their own businesses. Watch for more opportunities to spend locally and "SHOP THE WEST SIDE".

WEDI has many volunteer opportunities. If you would like to become a small business mentor and help a budding entrepreneur get his/her start, call Bonnie Smith at 870-6843

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