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SHOP THE WEST SIDE

WEDI'S SUCCESSES ON BUFFALO'S WEST SIDE



CANDELARIA CLEANING CREW (see story below)

WEDI has been working hard to assist our entrepreneurs as they go into business. Now we are presenting them with their offerings to you so that you can take full advantage of their goods and services. On a regular basis we will

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send you news of their progress, special offers and coupons. Please consider becoming their customers and spread the word to your friends about these burgeoning new enterprises helping to revitalize the WEST SIDE.

TANGO'S PET STORE



Tango's Pet Store

You can't miss this beautifully painted mural on the corner of Massachusetts and Normal Aves. It tells you that you have arrived at Tango's Pet Store, a brand new family-friendly place to get all of the things your pet needs and wants. Run by long time West Side resident, Michelle Giomundo, the bright, attractive store offers both supplies and small animals like hamsters, fish and parakeets. On any given day you will be able to say "Hello" to Tango, a blue and gold macaw or one of Michelle's gorgeous cockatoos and you can be certain of getting a hearty greeting back!

Special of the month If you buy a bag of your favorite dog food, you will get a free bag of Yogurt Drops dog treats. Whose dog can resist that??

Tango's Pet Store
246 Massachusetts Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14213
886-0965

URBAN ROOTS



Urban Roots is going into its 4th year and doing better than ever. As a garden supply cooperative they are showing the community how it is done, taking an old building and lot and making it into a welcoming destination. At this Holiday time of year you can expect to find everything you need to decorate your home with natural products and get some friendly advice along with the way. (The poinsettias are glorious!) And don't forget that the Five Points Bakery is next door. You can hardly miss the wonderful aromas wafting through the air. What an experience, fresh decorating greens and fresh baked bread!!

Urban Roots
428 Rhode Island Street
Buffalo, New York 14213
362-8982

CARMEN'S KITCHEN



Carmen and Alain Rodriguez

Finally, after having come from Puerto Rico nearly twenty years ago, the Rodriguez's have realized their dream of putting their passion for cooking Latin food into their own restaurant. Opened recently deep on Buffalo's West Side, Carmen's Kitchen is an immaculate, bustling take out/delivery restaurant where you can experience the best of both Puerto Rican and Mexican cuisine. They are close to the downtown businesses and easy to get to from Grant or Niagara Streets. The proof is in the tasting so make a point of going to see the Carmen and Alain or giving them a call. They will be happy to fill your order and deliver it if you like.

Don't forget that Carmen caters dinners, parties, cocktail parties. Call for the new catering menu.

Carmen's Kitchen
1043 West Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14213
882-7777

One of the many monthly specials - Get 10% off any order of \$25.00 or more.

Go to the link above to the right of this newsletter to see Carmen's extensive menu.

Buen provecho!!

CANDELARIA CLEANING



Dennis and Tanya Candelaria

When Dennis and Tanya Candelaria first came to see WEDI, they were just recently married, both with grown children who had many friends. They were energetically exploring whether they could realize their dream of owning their own commercial cleaning business. They wanted to know what it would take and we worked diligently together to get them ready to bid on their first contract. They prepared, won the contract and several since then, and are successfully pursuing their dream. The truly great thing about their story is that they have hired several of their children and their children's young adult friends to help in the business. For many of these young people, this was their first real job. They received expert job training from Dennis and practical financial training from Tanya.

A genuine success story for all involved!!

Candelaria Cleaning
321 Plymouth Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14213
578-9226

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".

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