



1982 - 2012

- 1982 Downtown Country Market debuts - 30 years.
- 1986 Tree Lighting Ceremony begins - 26 years.
- 1987 Special Charge collected for the first time.
Downtown Buffalo Management Corporation name changed to Buffalo Place Inc.
Thursdays in the Park - Main and Chippewa begins.
Market Arcade Cinema opens in Theatre District.
- 1988 Lafayette Square re-dedicated after major investment.
Thursday at Buffalo Place begins a 25-year run at Lafayette Square.
Pilot Field opens.
- 1989 Buffalo Place partners with Western New York United Against Drugs and Alcohol to produce First Night Buffalo.
- 1990 Buffalo Place partners with the Urban Design Group from UB School of Architecture to produce Action Plan for 500 Block of Main Street - awarded a \$150,000.00 façade Improvement Grant .
IRS decision to relocate to Apple Tree Mall, Buffalo Place launches an aggressive campaign to keep Federal offices in Downtown Buffalo.
- 1991 Buffalo Place partners with Cradle Beach to launch the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.
The City dedicates Rotary Rink at Fountain Plaza.
- 1992 City reduces Buffalo Place's Contract from \$145,000.00 to \$80,000.00.
Buffalo Place forms committee to investigate District Expansion, proposed expansion would generate an additional \$22,000.00 in Special Charge but cost to provide services is estimated to be \$34,000.00.
Buffalo Place conducts a comprehensive Lighting Survey.
- 1993 Buffalo Place forms a Ad-Hoc Security Committee to focus on a Community Policing Initiative for Downtown.
Buffalo Place launches a *Change For The Better Campaign* - anti-panhandling campaign.
- 1994 Buffalo Place partners with City of Buffalo and the Buffalo Police Department to launch a Bicycle Patrol Unit for Downtown.
Buffalo Place staff begins to meet on a regular basis with Horizons Waterfront Commission to address operational and design issues related to the Inner Harbor.
Buffalo Place forms Traffic Task Force to bring vehicular traffic back to Main Street.
- 1995 Buffalo Place, the City of Buffalo and the Buffalo Police Department launch the Downtown Initiative - a 13-member dedicated Community Police Initiative in Downtown Buffalo.
- 1996 Buffalo Place awarded AmeriCorps Grant.
- 1997 Buffalo Place hires first AmeriCorps Ranger class.
Cars Sharing Main Street begins - the project team includes representatives from the City of Buffalo, Buffalo Place and the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority. The project team begins a series of meetings with Downtown stakeholders and community groups.

- 1998 With the scheduled expansion of the Augsperger and Adam Ramps Buffalo Place partners with Buffalo Civic Auto Ramps (BCAR) and the City of Buffalo to launch the Park N' Go Shuttle Program.
At the request of Empire State Development, Buffalo Place launches the Buffalo Place Rocks the Harbor music festival to focus on the Inner Harbor Development Project. The festival continues to grow in popularity and has evolved into a three weekend, two-day festival each summer at the Harbor.
- 1999 *Downtown Buffalo 2002!* is launched - a partnership between Buffalo Place, the City of Buffalo and UB's Urban Design Project. The goal is set to create a comprehensive master plan for Downtown Buffalo with funding from the John R. Oishei Foundation, The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation, The Baird Foundation and The Community Foundation. This three-year undertaking resulted in the publication of the *Queen City Hub Plan* in December 2003. In 2005, The *Queen City Hub Plan* was awarded the American Planning Association's major planning award - the Oscar of Planning.
- 2000 Angelica Film Center (formally General Cinemas in the Theatre District) closes.
Buffalo Place partners with the City of Buffalo and Dipson Theaters to ensure 8-screen movie house remains open - renamed the Market Arcade Film & Arts Centre.
- 2001 Buffalo Place partners with the Buffalo Niagara Partnership and the City of Buffalo to host the Regional Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT) to focus on Downtown Housing.
Reform of the antiquated NYS Building Code is added to the *Downtown Buffalo 2002!* agenda and Professor Robert Shibley joins the NYS Code Review Panel charged with recommending changes to the existing NYS Building Codes.
- 2003 The NYS Building Code Review Panel adopts the International Building Code - significantly reducing the cost of the adaptive re-use of existing buildings.
Buffalo Place produces the *Buffalo Bike Blast* as part of the Harley Davidson Ride Home. The *Buffalo Bike Blast* is designated an "Official Ride Home" event - celebrating the 100th anniversary of Harley Davidson. The event also takes place in 2004 and 2005 but is cancelled due to loss of sponsor funding.
Environmental Review for the Cars Sharing Main Street project is underway. The preferred alternative is for cars to share with trainway with Metro rail cars.
AmeriCorps grant ends.
- 2004 With a 3% increase to the Special Charge Buffalo Place retains the Ranger Program and debuts the Buffalo Place Ranger Program.
Buffalo Place produces *Uncle Sam's Jam* - a Fourth of July Celebration in Niagara Square featuring Buffalo's own *Goo Goo Dolls*. The event draws tens of thousands of people and the concert is filmed for a DVD.
- 2005 City of Buffalo presents plan for returning Cars to Main Street and provides details on sidewalk widths, parking spaces, trees, landscaping and Metro stations - with the goal of creating a pedestrian friendly environment.
- 2007 At the request of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Buffalo Place produces the visit of the Lois McClure - a replica canal boat visiting 25 ports in 100 days. The two-day festival showcases the best in Buffalo entertainment and culture. Buffalo sets the mark for the fourth highest attendance record of the 25 participating cities.
- 2008 At the request of Empire State Development Buffalo Place hosts the visit of the Earth Voyager and produces a two-day festival *Healthy Lakes/Healthy Lives Expo* on Commercial Street - adjacent to the Commercial Slip where the Voyager was docked. The 70-foot trimaran was travelling the Great lakes in support of Great Lakes health and ecology.
At the request of Congressman Brian Higgins Buffalo Place develops a management plan for the Erie Canal Harbor site and enters into a management agreement with the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation for site management. Through 2013, the agreement remains a one-year contract.
- 2009 The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Cars Sharing Main Street project is released by the Federal Transportation Authority (FTA).
Cars Sharing Main Street construction begins in the 700 Block of Main Street.
- 2010 The 700 Block Cars Sharing Main Street project debuts.
- 2011 As part of the 25th Anniversary season of *Thursday at the Square*, Buffalo Place holds four (4) final concerts in Lafayette Square and moves to the Harbor for six (6) remaining concerts of the 2011 series.
- 2012 Buffalo Place makes a permanent move to the Erie Canal Harbor site and debuts *Thursday at the Harbor* with twelve concerts - along with six *Buffalo Place Rocks the Harbor* concerts for a total of eighteen signature events.