# Taking Control of Public Dollars

Harper Bishop

**Buffalo Commons** 

September 16, 2020





"Don't do for people what they can do for themselves. People who live in these neighborhoods have the answers, they are just never allowed to utilize them. They are continuously taken out of the decision-making process and people do things for them in "their best interest" without regard to them and without asking them what they would like in the first place. Participatory budgeting is a way for people in the neighborhood to have a say-so." - Natasha Soto, Community Organizer

# COMMON COUNCIL MAKES MOVES TO BRING PB TO BUFFALO!

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July 22, 2014

#### Common Council to Explore Participatory Budgeting in Buffalo

New group will develop recommendations for implementing process in the Queen City



BUFFALO, NY – The Common Council voted unanimously today to establish a working group to learn more about Participatory Budgeting and develop recommendations for implementing the process in Buffalo. Participatory Budgeting is a different way to manage public money, and to engage people in government. It is a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend part of a public budget. It was first developed in Brazil in 1989 and there are

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#### **NEW YORK STATE**

# **Buffalo's First Step Toward Participatory Budgeting**

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By SHANE MEYER FROM THE PUBLIC | MAY 26, 2015







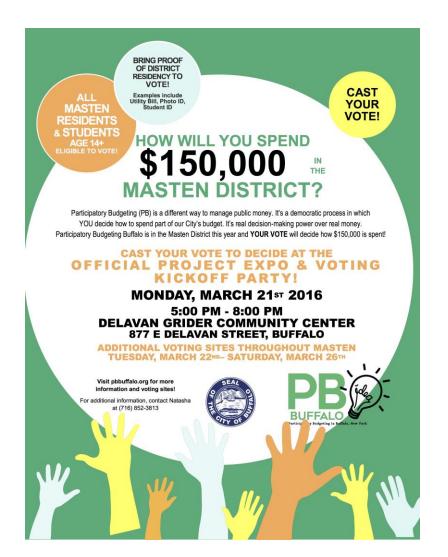






Participatory budgeting is an "idea whose time has come," say its proponents. At the core of the practice is the belief that democratizing the budgeting process will make it more efficient and meaningful to the people with intimate knowledge of the challenges presented in their neighborhoods.





# **HOW WILL YOU SPEND**



#### PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING (PB) BUFFALO VOTING SITES

MONDAY, MARCH 21st

**OFFICIAL** PARTY!

> 5:00-8:00PM DELAVAN GRIDER COMMUNTIY CENTER 877 E DELAVAN

2:00pm-6:00pm AMHERST ST NFTA STATION

**DELAVAN GRIDER** 

**COMMUNTIY CENTER** 

877 E DELAVAN ST

**TUESDAY MARCH 22nd WEDNESDAY MARCH 23rd** 

**THURSDAY MARCH 24th** 

**SATURDAY MARCH 26th** 

10:00 am-2:00 pm

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2:00-6:00 pm Market 272 E

DELAVAN GRIDER COMMUNTIY CENTER

877 E DELAVAN 10:00am-1:00pm MASTEN DISTRICT EASTER EGG HUNT

MLK PARK, SPLASH PAD AND CASINO

#### **RESOURCE CENTER**

1423 FILLMORE AVE TUESDAY MARCH 22nd WEDNESDAY MARCH 23rd **THURSDAY MARCH 24th** 9:00 am- 2:00 pm

**CAO MASTEN** 

**BRING PROOF** OF DISTRICT RESIDENCY TO VOTE!

**Examples include** Utility Bill, Photo ID. Student ID

Visit pbbuffalo.org for more information and voting sites!

For additional information, contact Natasha at (716) 852-3813







# CYCLE 1: 2015-16 MASTEN DISTRICT RESULTS







23 PROJECTS ON THE BALLOT

Participatory budgeting, cut from city budget, continues in Niagara District



# HOW WILL YOU SPEND \$10,000 IN NIAGARA?

#### PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING (PB) BUFFALO

**NIAGARA COUNCIL DISTRICT VOTING SITES** 

#### CAST YOUR VOTE JUNE 23RD - 30TH

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

4:00pm - 6:00pm Grant Street Neighborhood Center 271 Grant Street

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

9:30am - 1:00pm Breadhive Bakery 402 Connecticut Street

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 25

11:00am - 2:00pm Front Park off Porter Avenue

#### 11:00am - 2:00pm Broderick Park off Niagara Street

#### MONDAY, JUNE 26

9:00am - 4:00pm Jericho Road Community Health Center 184 Barton Street

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 27**

4:00pm - 7:00pm Elmwood Square Apartments 505 Elmwood Avenue

# 05 Elmwood Avenue

VOTERS MUST BRING PROOF OF DISTRICT RESIDENCY TO VOTE!

Utility Bill, Photo ID, Student ID, etc.

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**

9:00am - 2:00pm 5:30pm - 8:00pm West Side Community Services 161 Vermont Street

#### 8:00am - 11:00am Breadhive Bakery 402 Connecticut Street

#### B THURSDAY, JUNE 29

5:00pm - 8:00pm Rudeboyz Artworks 527 W Utica Street

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 30

8:30am-10:00am 3:00pm-5:00pm Northwest Bank 364 Connecticut Street

ALL NIAGARA
DISTRICT
RESIDENTS
AND STUDENTS
AGE 14+ CAN
VOTE!

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It's a democratic process in which YOU decide how to spend part of our City's budget.
It's real decision-making power over real money.
Councilman David Rivera wants to hear from you!



# Black Love Resists in the Rust



# REDUCE THE BUFFALO POLICE BUDGET





This workshop will breakdown the BPD budget and answer these questions:

- What's included in the recently adopted 2020-2021 police budget?
- How has the Buffalo police budget changed over the last decade?
- What has contributed to increased spending?
- What has been the return on investment in policing?

Register here: <a href="https://bit.ly/2Njig6z">https://bit.ly/2Njig6z</a>.







Buffalo police officers plead not guilty to assaulting 75year-old man at demonstration

## **Buffalo's Police Brutality Didn't Start With Martin Gugino**

In the past three years alone, Buffalo police have killed four young men of color under questionable circumstances.

#### LOCAL NEW

#### Family of man shot by Buffalo Police say he didn't deserve to get shot

As of Monday afternoon, the family of Willie Henley said he was back in the ICU at ECMC and listed as critical, but stable.

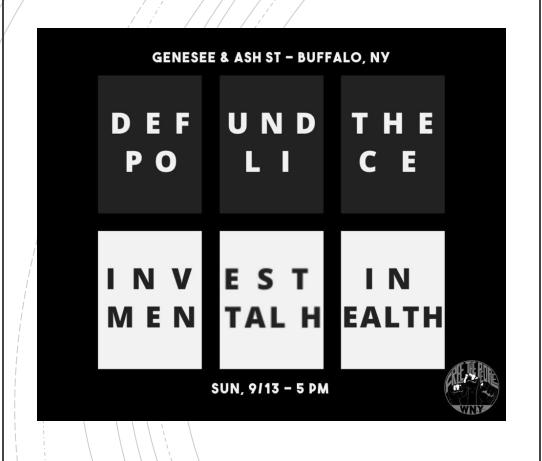
# 15 cases of alleged police brutality, excessive force in WNY since 2006

86 percent involve people of color as victims

#### **NATION**

2 Buffalo cops charged with assault after video shows officers shoving 75-year-old man to the ground

Buffalo has its own cases of police brutality - especially against people of color







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