

West Side Bazaar at 1432 Niagara FAQs

1. When will the West Side Bazaar be open to the public?

Tuesday, October 31

2. What will be the hours of the West Side Bazaar?

The West Side Bazaar will be open Tuesday-Saturday 11 am – 8 pm

3. How many businesses are opening at the West Side Bazaar?

An unprecedented 18 in one day!

4. How many new restaurants are there?

8

5. What are they?

Bamboo Ridge: Vietnamese

Egyptian Bites: Egyptian

Malkia & Co.: Central African & Congolese

Millions Tin Japanese Sushi Restaurant: Japanese sushi

Orso Nero Pizza: Italian

Phyu Thein Malaysian Restaurant: Malaysian

Ramree Burmese Restaurant: Burmese

Williams Kitchen Korean Comfort Food: Korean

6. How many retail businesses are there?

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7. What new food retail shops are on the 1st floor of the West Side Bazaar?

Manchester Place Baking Co.: Sweet goods bakery

Citygate Market: African Grocery Store

Bubble Tea & Smoothie Bar: Bubble Tea and smoothies

8. What else is on the first floor?

2 booths: Honey Bee's Driving, LLC: driving school

1 booth held for pop-ups

9. What businesses are in the second floor office spaces?

Read It & Eat Bookshop: a culinary bookshop selling cookbooks, artisan food items, and book/food subscription service

Danielle Prester LMHC & Elisabeth Burn LMHC: counseling

10. Where can I park?

There is free parking on both sides of Niagara Street and on the neighboring streets near the West Side Bazaar. Should you need to park on the opposite side of the bazaar, we recommend you cross the road at the lights and crosswalk at West Delevan for your safety.

11. What does the new space offer?

- 3,200 sq. ft. to 16,000+sq. ft, 16 businesses to 24+ businesses (82+ seats in Community Café.
- Room for professional services, pop-up spaces for concept businesses
- Dedicated spaces for community, family, and social events, a large test kitchen for classes, rentals, or events.
- Conference Room with tech/Classroom with tech
- Economic development office for on-site programming ie arm to table, food waste, green economies, cooking classes, kitchen safety
- Special Events Coordinator for booking special events and catering

WEDI and West Side Bazaar timeline:

1998: Westminster Presbyterian Church established ENERGY afterschool program

2006: WEDI is established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

2009: WEDI launches its microloan program for low-income entrepreneurs – a majority of clients are women and minorities

2011: The first West Side Bazaar opens at 242 Grant Street which is now the location of Global Villages, owned by WEDI Board of Directors member Louise Sano. Louise was also the first graduate of the West Side Bazaar.

2012: The West Side Bazaar relocates into an old Blockbuster at 25 Grant Street, doubling capacity.

2016: WEDI becomes a Certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) with the lowest lending threshold in WNY -- \$500 - \$20,000. Authorized to issue Small Business Association (SBA) loans.

2018: Purchase of 1432 Niagara Street is completed, with plans for it to be the future West Side Bazaar.

2019: CJS Architects is retained for the new West Side Bazaar design.

2020: Hayes Construction is retained.

2022: Construction commences at 1432 Niagara Street. An accidental fire permanently closes the West Side Bazaar at 25 Grant Street.

2023: In spring, WEDI opens the Downtown Bazaar at 617 Main Street in Buffalo's Theatre District. In fall, the new West Side Bazaar with Community Cafe sponsored by KeyBank opens on Niagara Street, providing 5x the space as was on Grant Street.

